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OLD CINEMA LOCATION EARMARKED FOR 42 FLATS

Theatre Royal site may become a care facility

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE dreams of the Save Our Cinema Association (SOCA) have been shattered by the news that Hafod Care plans to develop the Theatre Royal site into 42 flats and communal facilities for older people.

Just weeks ago, The GEM had revealed that SOCA was planning to hold a public meeting to appeal to the Barry public to help in a £400,000-£600,000 appeal to buy the site and restore the cinemas.

But on Tuesday, Hafod Care announced its intention to build the Vale's first ExtraCare facility at the Theatre Royal location.

A spokeswoman said: "Hafod Care has confirmed that it is progressing the development of the Theatre Royal, which closed in 2007, working in partnership with the Vale Council and the Welsh Assembly Government to deliver the project.

"The development will provide much-needed independent living accommodation in the form of 42 purpose-built one and two-bedroom flats, along with communal facilities for older people."

"The project would be majority funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the Vale Council and managed by Hafod Care Association Ltd."

As part of the plans, the care provider said it would reinstate derelict shops on the existing site with facilities such as hairdressers, a laundrette and café.

Robert Wathen, managing director at Hafod Care, said: "We are very excited about

this project as it would be the first ExtraCare development ever to be built in the Vale.

"If the plans go ahead, we would not only be developing a disused site in an area of Barry that is already undergoing a lot of regeneration work, but also helping the Vale Council meet the needs of the people throughout the county.

"Providing accommodation for elderly people would free up family housing that will be needed by others in an area of high demand and need."

He added: "We are very conscious that the Theatre Royal was a much-loved building in Barry, which holds many memories for the town's residents.

"We welcome the opportunity to breathe new life into such a historic building and are keen to retain as much of its heritage as possible."

But for members of SOCA, the announcement came as a bitter blow. Its chairman, Bob Armstrong, explained: "We are very disappointed because we have been campaigning in excess of two years to keep the Theatre Royal for the people of the town. I don't think the authorities have taken notice of how people feel – 10,000 people signed our petition to preserve it.

"We are losing facilities in Barry – the cinemas, the lido, the

Driving Test Centre and possibly the magistrates' court – these are part of the local social network.

"The Theatre Royal is not the ideal place for flats. The Waterfront, with its space and views is more suitable.

"I'm sure the plans will go through because the Welsh Assembly is helping to fund it."

Paul Sutton, a SOCA member, said: "The Save our Cinema Association has had a number of meetings over the last 12 months as to the future of the Theatre Royal – if the Vale Council knew what was happening to the site why didn't they let us know?"

"The Barry population has said loud and clear to us that they want big screen entertainment in the town. The Vale Council will now have to insist that the Waterfront

development has a cinema."

Dr Ian Johnson of Plaid, commented: "While welcoming the financial investment in Barry, I am deeply disappointed by these plans to demolish the Theatre Royal, one of the treasures of the Vale and turn the area into housing – and the appalling timing on the part of Hafod Housing to make this announcement on the 100th anniversary of the building's opening."

A Vale Council spokeswoman told The GEM: "Hafod have only just confirmed that they intend to buy the site and their negotiations with the owners of the Theatre Royal were confidential.

"We certainly intend to encourage the private sector to provide a cinema and other leisure facilities on the Waterfront land, but it needs to be remembered this land is not owned by the council."



ABOVE:
 The 'Cadstock' festival at Victoria Park, Cadovton, went on a real swing on Saturday – and as you can see this youngster really appreciated the entertainment on show. For more pictures of the day, please turn to page 28 (also letters, page 2). PHOTOGRAPH BY IAN DIXON

TENANT'S CRY FOR HELP!

A council tenant from Barry, who is a victim of domestic violence, has spoken of her anger that her husband is still allowed to have the keys to their home.

The woman spoke to The GEM last week because she is anxious to highlight the situation.

On July 17, the woman's husband pleaded guilty to a charge of assault against her.

He is due to be sentenced on August 6. His bail conditions state that he can't enter the town.

The woman told The GEM: "We are joint tenants of a council property, and Atal y Fro, the local women's aid group, and the housing officer have informed me that I am not allowed to change the locks or take over sole occupancy of the property.

"It makes no sense to me, and my trauma has continued long after the attack. It seems to me that victims are secondary."

The woman has told

the GEM that she feels "angry and bitter" at the justice system, but insisted: "I am determined to stay in my home."

The woman's case has been taken up by the local Assembly Member, Jane Hutt.

The head of housing at the Vale Council, Tony Jaques, said: "The council and Atal y Fro are aware of this tenant and have actively been supporting her to address these issues since they first arose."

"We cannot offer opinion on the legal process that is dealing with her partner, as this is a matter for the courts."

Mr Jaques also pointed out that a tenancy involves legal considerations and emphasised that the

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ARSON ATTACK: POLICE APPEAL

DETECTIVES in Barry are continuing to investigate an arson attack at a flat above the Post Office on Barry Road early on Saturday, July 17.

A police spokesman said that the property was empty at the time of the incident, when an unknown person gained access to the flat and set fire to furniture.

"CCTV cameras show a man, possibly middle aged, with a balding head, wearing dark clothing and a short-sleeved shirt, walking down Barry Road opposite the Post Office. Detectives believe he may have witnessed the suspect either enter or exit the flat and would like to speak to him."

The suspect is described as a white male, of slim build and aged around 20-25 years old. He had a shaved head, long sleeved jumper, possibly white with grey stripes, dark trousers and dark footwear and was carrying a bottle in his hand.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Davidson at Barry CID on 01446 731606, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Island sandcastles!

WHITMORE BAY held a sandcastle competition on Saturday, July 4. Keep an eye out next week for a page of pictures from the event.

Tesco set for Rhoose?

LOCAL traders in Rhoose have vowed to fight plans for a Tesco store on the site of the former Mayflower pub.

A spokeswoman for the supermarket giant confirmed the chain aimed to create between 20 and 30 jobs.

She said: "The store will offer a variety of fresh products and other groceries to the surrounding neighbourhood. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 7).

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'THANK YOU FROM SUMMER FESTIVAL'

At the end of this year's Penarth Summer Festival, may I give my grateful thanks to the vast army of people who have helped make Penarth's major summer event a huge success.

This year's programme has been so varied and colourful, and the depth of events quite breathtaking in range, that visitors may not have had time to get round the town over the past 10 days or so!

Throughout the dark winter months, a small committee of volunteers meets to put together the programme – the dates, timings, locations, costs of staging and, of course, the programme content itself.

Who can forget the sight of the RAF Hawk climbing vertically to thousands of feet in the blue sky off the Esplanade; the First Ever Downhill Derby, which attracted thousands of visitors, all roaring their approval

...And now for the rubbish!

PUBLICITY is a powerful weapon and I am grateful to The GEM for publishing my letter calling for the hedgerow to be trimmed behind Barry Memorial Hall (The GEM, July 15) which then produced a riposte from Councillor Theo Stenstrom (July 22).

Though I found it difficult to follow the relationship and responsibilities divided between the Town Council and Memorial Hall, I was pleased to note that the hedgerow was trimmed and cut back within days of my original letter appearing in the columns of this newspaper.

Thank you to the unknown benefactor who has now started to deal with this issue; only one problem remains – namely the black bags of rubbish which are still nestling in the undergrowth awaiting their own Armageddon.

I hope this will come sooner, rather than later.

Christopher Short,

Barry

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WHO WILL MANAGE THE NHS IF GPs TAKE CHARGE OF SPENDING?

IAM genuinely puzzled by this new Government scheme for running the NHS – by giving all the power to make decisions and spend the money allocated to the NHS, to GPs all over the country.

I had thought we were all agreed that the GPs are so overloaded with their present tasks in serving their patients, who often have to wait a considerable time to see their GP, to the degree that might create further medical problems.

Of all the people available for this task of managing the NHS, the GPs seem the most curious choice – if they already do not have time to fulfil their present role.

I hope that further explanation of the details will make the scheme more sensible, but it seems quite bizarre to select this splendid body of doctors, already overburdened, to take on this vast new responsibility, quite separate from their present concern for patients.

The speed limits must be obeyed

IN the UK, approximately 10 people are killed each day on our roads, excessive speed being one of the main contributing factors.

I write in answer to J Thomas' letter on what he regards as an anomalous speed limit through St Nicholas.

In an ideal world there would be no need for imposed speed limits because we could all be relied upon to use common sense.

At the other extreme, I suspect certain traffic officers will never be

entirely happy until there is a sure-fire way of forcing every vehicle on the road to remain within the stipulated limit at all times.

Cynics might assume that the 30mph limit at St Nicholas is due to the lobbying of a councillor who lives there.

I would prefer to believe that this limit was decided after very careful consideration of all the relevant factors.

Speed limits are there for a reason and should be obeyed. Unlike speed humps, at least they acknowledge the sense of the majority of drivers.

Alun Armstrong, Cowbridge

Well done, Cadstock!

As an attendee at last weekend's 'Cadstock' in Cadoxton's Victoria Park, could I thank all of those who organised and took part in the event?

It was a pleasure to listen to the bands and see the HAT Foundation's exhibition about their good work in improving facilities and providing clothing for children in Sri Lanka.

It is excellent that there are numerous summer events taking place all over Barry and creating a real community spirit.

BARRY is a great town with huge potential for creativity, and such attractions have a positive impact upon people of all ages and their confidence for getting involved in community events.

Dr Ian Johnson, Barry

I assume that the GPs will form private companies, with themselves as shareholders and directors, employing accountants, and these accountants will keep track of the money from the taxpayer and where it is spent, while the GP directors will be the ones who are qualified to make decisions about how the money is allocated.

That still seems a great deal of extra work for them, spending so much time elsewhere in hospitals and hospices, to get the facts in committees and seminars, to be able to make the best informed and wisest decisions.

Surely this will give rise to 'post code lottery', meaning that different medical outcomes will be delivered in different areas, because different GP companies have come to different conclusions?

How will anyone ever know how wisely the tax-payers' money is being spent, in these different regions?

Will there be targets for these companies to achieve, or inspection by someone to see if they are following 'best practice' – if someone ever decides what 'best practice' is? Where will there be any 'accountability'? How will we know if it is good or bad, before it collapses?

I must curb my impatience: all will be revealed in time. But the known facts do suggest that this is a very run proposal, perhaps adopted for obscure and unstated reasons about private enterprise, which might take us in exactly the wrong direction.

Charles N Westerman, Brynna.

Thank you for the lovely GEM guide!

IPICKED up your lovely, interesting GEM guide at the place known locally as The Dolphin, Barry Island, which I believe featured as Cafe Continental in your book (page 47).

Today, I sat outside with a cool drink and listened to a brass band playing on the bandstand opposite – absolutely great!

Zena Mabbs, Barry

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL AUGUST 5)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
29 Thur	09.10	9.2	21.24	9.3
30 Fri	09.40	9.1	21.59	9.1
31 Sat	10.11	8.9	22.27	8.8
01 Sun	10.46	8.7	23.01	8.6
02 Mon	11.17	8.4	23.38	8.3
03 Tues	11.54	8.0		
04 Wed	00.27	7.9	12.55	7.7
05 Thur	01.34	7.6	14.07	7.5

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MAN STOLE A TV TO FUND HEROIN HABIT

A FORMER serviceman burgled the home of his girlfriend's mother in Barry and stole a flat screen television worth £300, it was stated in Cardiff Crown Court.

David Prince (28) of Barry admitted burgling the house in Lydstep Road and was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for two years.

He was also made subject to a supervision order for two years and directed to carry out 120 hours unpaid work for the com-

munity.

Judge Stephen Hopkins also imposed a three-month curfew from 8pm-7am, and ordered that Prince be electronically tagged for that period.

The judge told him: "Burglary is not an offence just to get property, it is also against the person, causing emotional distress and having a home violated."

"This was a spiteful burglary and the reason was because at the time you were a heroin addict."

"He was challenged by

He said that it had recently been revealed that a heroin addict can cost the public up to £800,000 for treatment and imprisonment during their lifetime.

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said that the victim left her home in Barry to stay in a caravan at Fontygary and asked neighbours to keep an eye on the property.

While she was away, Prince broke in and was seen leaving with a television set "in a plastic bag".

"He needs assistance," he added.

a neighbour and claimed he had permission to take the set," said Mr Trigg.

Prince was said to have five previous convictions for being absent without leave when in the Army and failing to surrender to his bail.

David Purnell, representing Prince, said: "He has an unconstructed lifestyle and just drifts along."

"Essentially his life is rapidly running away from him. But he has the necessary intellect to hold a job and he really could better himself within a controlled environment."

"He needs assistance," he added.

Simon finds fame as ale reviewer

A man from Barry is finding fame on the world wide web by raising people's awareness of ales and beers.

Simon Martin, who owns a carpentry business and has an appreciation of fine ales passed on to him by his father and grandfather, opened a YouTube channel in February reviewing ales and beers.

He said: "This involves describing the aroma, taste, density, colour, head and drinkability of a craft beer. I have been astonished with how well this has gone. I have even had an ale sent to me from Chile!"

"I have also been mentioned for my work in a

New Jersey newspaper called American Public House Review that has tens of thousands of readers all over the United States."

"On top of all this, I have recently become Europe's second most popular beer reviewer on YouTube."

Simon's ambition is to take the number one position and if people would like to visit his channel, they should go to: www.youtube.com/realealeguide

'Field guides' for Wenvoe School

WENVOE Wildlife Group has donated some field guides to Wenvoe Primary School who have taken part in a number of visits to the local nature reserve.

Also included was a selection of magnifying glasses and hand lenses.

A wildlife group spokesman said: "Our ancestors knew their wildflowers because they provided the medicine chest for the average household, but the ability to recognise anything other than daisies and dandelions is becoming scarcer."

"On future visits to the nature reserve, pupils will be able to learn how to use the field guides, and their records of what species have been found can be added to the databases which can tell us which plants and animals are doing well and which are declining."

Fonmon family firm celebrates 150 years

THE front lawn at Easthall, Fonmon, was the picturesque venue recently for a garden party given by local builders and funeral directors William James and Sons, Fonmon, to mark 150 years of continuous family service.

Easthall is the original family home and now the home of Mr Gerald Cooper, a retired partner



of the firm. The firm was established in 1860 by William James as a funeral director and builders, wheelwrights, blacksmiths and undertakers. The present partners are funeral director John James, great-grandson of the founder and builder David Cooper, a great-great-grandson!

The guests consisted of family, business colleagues and friends, present and past employees and apprentices, loyal customers and local villagers.

One guest, Mr Andrew Halls of Halls Memorials, Barry, presented the partners with a commemorative plaque which they will now place outside the chapel of rest.

One point of interest to many guests was a display of photographs, memorabilia, certificates and old ledgers. One customer, studying the ledger, asked if his imminent invoice could reflect the costings dated in the 1930s!

The weather was very kind and a congenial and memorable afternoon was enjoyed by all.



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Playgroup's 'disgust' at the damage caused by vandals



ABOVE:
The playgroup leaders clearing up the mess left by vandals.

A children's playgroup leader in Barry has spoken of her shock after vandals damaged flower pots and scattered litter at the back of church premises.

Jayne Murphy of KiddieWinkles Playgroup which meets at Crossway Methodist Church Hall told The GEM: "Unfortunately, the group has suffered an incident which shows that some people have no respect for other people's belongings and property."

"On July 20, at the end of our playgroup session, we went to dispose of our rubbish at the back of the church and stumbled upon the most dreadful mess."

At first, the playgroup leaders thought an animal had got into the alley-gated lane and had enjoyed a field day with the rubbish bags.

But Jayne explained: "On further inspection, and during the cleaning up process, it was apparent that an animal could never have done all the damage and would never have been able to have split the bin bags, lifting them over the railings to dispose of the waste down the locked boiler room steps!"

"Somebody had also put graffiti on the church railings in the lane area. The police are very interested in finding the culprits as it is being regarded as criminal damage along with the destruction of our



ABOVE: The boiler room steps strewn with discarded rubbish.

children's flowers and plant pots."

It is not known whether the two incidents – damage and graffiti – are linked.

Jayne said that she was relieved that the children had already gone home after an end of term party, and did not witness the mess the flowers they had planted in the spring had become.

"All the playgroup team were bitterly disappointed that someone could do this to our playgroup children – and were obviously not very happy about having to clean the disgusting mess up!"

"We spent more than 45 minutes in the rain making sure the lane area and back of the church were as tidy and hygienic as possible – but we were unable to save the plants and sunflowers."

THE Eco committee at Palmerston Primary School was very excited recently, to receive 30 sapling trees from the Woodland Trust and plant them in the school grounds.

The committee are proud of Palmerston's achievements as an Eco School. In a year they have got the whole school recycling plastic, paper and cardboard, made sure everyone turns off lights in empty classrooms to help save energy and encouraged everyone to turn off taps to help save water.

They have also got the school involved in a scheme to recycle plastic milk carton tops for the RAF which will result in a donation of recycled garden furniture for Ty Hafan children's hospice.

Joseph Buckley said 'Everyone at school has joined in with recycling. We have all learned how important it is to look after our planet and save resources. We all want to do our best!'

Bethany Leathem said, 'Some of us are moving on to high school this year, so our aim is to apply for our Silver award this term before we go, and then hopefully the school will work hard and



achieve Green Flag status next year!'

The main part of the action plan next year will be to improve the school grounds for the pupils, which started with the tree planting.

The plan is to build a sensory garden for all the children to enjoy and learn about plants, wildlife and insects.

The committee have already raised over £200 by organising a scheme to collect unwanted clothes with Bag2School and selling old dinner trays.

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THE Eco committee at Palmerston Primary School was very excited recently, to receive 30 sapling trees from the Woodland Trust and plant them in the school grounds.

The committee are proud of Palmerston's achievements as an Eco School. In a year they have got the whole school recycling plastic, paper and cardboard, made sure everyone turns off lights in empty classrooms to help save energy and encouraged everyone to turn off taps to help save water.

They have also got the school involved in a scheme to recycle plastic milk carton tops for the RAF which will result in a donation of recycled garden furniture for Ty Hafan children's hospice.

Joseph Buckley said 'Everyone at school has joined in with recycling. We have all learned how important it is to look after our planet and save resources. We all want to do our best!'

Bethany Leathem said, 'Some of us are moving on to high school this year, so our aim is to apply for our Silver award this term before we go, and then hopefully the school will work hard and

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TEA DANCERS' CHEQUE TO TY HAFAN HOSPICE



ABOVE: Val Richards with committee members Lynn, Pam, Shirley and Marion.

PENARTH Summer Festival Tea Dance recently took place at the Paget Rooms, when the mayor, Coun Paul Church and mayoress, Christine Church attended, with regular members of the Penarth Tea Dance Association.

During the afternoon, a cheque for £200 was presented to a representative from Ty Hafan and dancers also celebrated the 80th birthday of Val Richards.

The Penarth Tea Dance Association meets at the Paget Rooms every Monday, from 2pm to 4.30pm, £2 admission.

Shopkeepers fear Tesco plans for Mayflower pub

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"It will also be a convenient location and will hopefully encourage more people to walk or cycle to the store for their daily shopping needs, rather than travel to an out-of-town food-store by car."

Steve Gunter, of Rhoose Newsagents, said: "This will be detrimental to local shopkeepers – the last thing we want is to see is a

price war and shops having to shut down.

"I've started up a petition to oppose it and I've got it on the counter if customers want to sign it."

He added that traffic along the village's main road near the school, with the addition of more delivery lorries would be "horrendous".

Bobby Barrett, of the family butchers RH Barratt, who has worked for 40

years, said: "It will affect smaller shops and take a percentage of our trade. Jobs will be created, but it could affect local jobs, too."

"Bellway are planning 350 houses locally – the planning application has just been announced – so maybe it will be a case of losing some trade, but also gaining it."

Patricia Alldred, who has owned the Premier Store in Rhoose for 27 years, argued that there was a Tesco store not far away.

"There's a Tesco store about three miles away on the Port Road, Barry and a bus takes people there."

"There have already been worries about how emergency vehicles can get through the village when it is busy. Extra delivery lorries will mean extra congestion."

"We may have to get together as a community to do something."

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DINAS BOWLS CHASE IS ON

DINAS Powys Bowling Club first team continued their quest to become the Welsh Club Champions with an outstanding home win over Troedyrhw.

After a tentative start across the green, Dinas trailed Troedyrhw 15-23 at five ends. A magnificent surge of quality bowling over the next five ends saw Dinas sweep to a 23 shot lead, 51-28 at 10 ends.

This set the seal on the game and despite a spirited comeback by Troedyrhw, they could only cut their deficit to 17 shots at 18 ends.

Dinas continued to produce quality bowling right to the end and ran out winners with a 94-68, 26 shot win.

This fine performance should give them every confidence for their quarter final clash at home to Ystradfechan on August 7.

Dinas Powys Rink scores: P Coles, M Woodcock, C Todd, A Meddins 30-8; A Harvey, M Clarke, A Wedlake, G Williams 20-14; G White, R Osborne, H Meddins, J Greenslade 24-16; D Parker, D Vowles, R Janes M Ackland 20-30. AD

Local traders announce latest draw winner



HIGH Street have announced the fourth lucky winner in their 2010 monthly prize draw.

The lucky winner Wendy John of Barry is seen receiving £100 of High Street shopping vouchers from Ken Hughes and Tony from Tony's Cafe where she brought the winning ticket.

Also in the picture is Sharon George of MJM Computers who organises the High Street raffle.

If you want to be in with a chance to win,

RICHARD March, who died on July 19, was born in Cardiff and brought up in Llanishen; he came from a family of chartered accountants – R H March Son & Co.

From an early age, he loved farms and animals and neither he nor his brother Nick showed any desire to follow the family tradition. They worked on local farms and Richard rode a pony and hunted with the Nantfawr Hounds.

He was educated at the Cathedral School, the Downs in Colwall and at Marlborough College and then at Seale Hayne Agricultural College and Exeter University.

He did National Service and then worked on a farm in the Cotswolds, where he became farm bailiff. His hobby then was restoring vintage cars and he owned an Alvis Speed 20, with which he won a few races and speed trials and then a very clapped-out Bugatti and a chain drive Frazer Nash.

His parents moved to Llanmaes and in 1956 he came home to Wales and looked for a job here. NFU contacts led him to Ken Morgan on Wick Road, Llanwit Major, and although his engineering was self-taught, he joined the firm selling and repairing

ing tractors and agricultural machinery.

Fairly swiftly, he got his feet under the table and married Heather, the boss's daughter. He built a Scandinavian-type bungalow at Marcross where they lived for 10 years, and where Simon and Tim were born.

The firm held the dealership for McCormick International (later International Harvester) and later Case tractors, where they covered Glamorgan. They branched into milking machines, garden machinery and chain saws.

Everything was much smaller and slower than today, and a broken baler spelt disaster for a farmer's hay harvest, so there was huge pressure, particularly in the summer.

Richard became involved in the Wick and Maenporth Ploughing Society and was chairman of the committee which ran the All Wales Ploughing Match at Pencoed in 1995.

He would be delighted to know that this match will again be held in Glamorgan this year – on September 18 in Boverton.

He was always an NFU member, and served a term as chairman of the Llanwit Major branch.

In the early 1970s, the boys began riding, and

Richard bought a cob 'just to hack round with them'. However, he was soon hunting again, with the Glamorgan, and for many years derived enormous pleasure from shutting off from his business worries and joining good company to ride in the Vale, which he loved.

He was chairman of the entertainments committee for some years, and organised hunt balls, barn dances and hunter trials.

He joined in some very amusing hunt pantomimes, including Uncle Tom Cobbley, the King in 'Butter for my Bread' and Captain Bertorelli in 'Allo 'Allo.

He also ventured into a spot of team chasing, but decided that he was too old to risk his neck galloping and jumping at full speed.

Richard served as a Joint Master for one term, but as his health deteriorated, he loved to follow in the car and watch what was going on.

Simon went off to South Africa to become a butcher and farmer and Tim succumbed to the lure of flying and went off to train as a commercial pilot. In 1988, Richard and Heather sold Ken Morgan Ltd and retired (that was the theory).

However, life was just as busy. He was consort to Heather when she



served two terms as Llantwit Town Mayor.

He was senior traffic steward for the CLA Game Fair in Margam and he helped with the Vale Show, where he was steward, main ring commentator and in 2004, consort to Heather again when she was president.

He was very honoured to be made a life member of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society. He was persuaded to volunteer for stewarding at the Royal Welsh Show, first in the horse ring and then for seven years as announcer in the main ring.

He helped with the Glamorgan point to point and was Clerk of the Scales for some years.

Richard loved his horses and his dogs, and his series of Old English Sheepdogs gave him much pleasure in recent years.

His funeral is on August 5 at 1.30pm at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major.

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RICHARD CHARLES ROBERTSON MARCH

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SECURING NEW LAWS, AND THE FUNDING FOR WALES

DURING the last week of this Assembly session, some important announcements were made.

Our First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, made a Statement about the 2010-11 Legislative Programme which included the new law on safety for school transport, meeting the next stage of our commitment to the Stuart's Campaign.

We gained the powers from Westminster in April to make our own laws on school transport, to strengthen the safety standards required in the contracts for school transport provided by local authorities.

The new law will be taken through the Assembly in the autumn and it will contain powers for the Welsh Assembly Government to legislate on the safety standards on the buses used to provide transport for pupils to and from school.

This is an important example of how we can use our National Assembly for Wales, to address the shortcomings in the way we provide vital services such as school transport, in recognition of the contribution and influence of the Stuart's Campaign, in

memory of Stuart Cunningham-Jones.

Another important measure that will come through in the autumn relates to social housing. On July 21, the Sustainable Housing LCO was finally approved by the Privy Council and we can now make progress with a new law to strengthen the ways in which we provide social housing in Wales for the benefit of tenants and their landlords.

This includes the provision to enable local authorities to suspend the right to buy in areas of housing need.

Since the right to buy provisions were introduced in 1980, almost half of the council housing stock in Wales has been purchased by tenants - over 140,000 homes - resulting in considerable pressure and a rising number of people in housing need.

This new power is strongly supported by Shelter running housing advice surgeries in Barry every week, working to prevent homelessness and support people in housing need.

The new powers will also help us bring empty homes back into use, improve security of tenure and support for the most vulnerable in housing need.

It is worth reporting

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by **Jane Hutt**
AM (Minister for Business and Budget)

that housing problems now constitute the highest proportion of my casework in the Vale of Glamorgan.

In making our case for powers to be transferred to Wales from Westminster, we have always based this on evidence of need for new legislation to address shortcomings such as in school transport safety and housing need.

We do need the 'the tools for the job' here in Wales to address these needs as swiftly as possible and secure the funding to back them up.

These are the issues which will be debated as we move towards the Referendum for greater powers in Wales.

This brings me to the statement I made on July 13, about how we are dealing with the £6.2 billion cuts the new UK

Government announced in May, including our share in Wales which included £49m to be taken from our capital budget.

Our concerns about the impact of cutting important capital programme plans such as school building and refurbishment, social housing projects, health facilities led us to making the decision in the Welsh Assembly Government to use our 'end-of-year flexibility' funds to meet these capital cuts this year.

These are the funds we have at the end of the financial year as a result of slippage of schemes, although we are as close to 100 per cent in the financial out-turn as we can manage.

We needed approval from the Treasury to do this and when that was received, I made my statement to the Assembly. I said that we would be seeking to take as much as we can of the 2010-11 budget reductions this year - without damaging frontline services, without taking money from our key priorities and without taking risks with the economic recovery.

So no cuts will be made to our planned capital spending this year.

This decision was widely welcomed by

CBI Wales, Welsh Local Government Association and the Wales TUC.

The construction sector in Wales is heavily dependent on the public sector. It is the private sector who are building our schools, hospitals and social housing projects and we are honouring those contracts and that planned investment to improve our public services in Wales as well as supporting our recovering economy.

We are playing our part in safeguarding those jobs and skills,

which we are enhancing through the partnerships we have with the private sector to increase community benefits in our procurement and contracting arrangements.

I mentioned examples of these arrangements in my last GEM article with regard to the social housing sector.

Last week, I launched our 2009-10 'Adding Value II' document available on line via www.cymru.gov.uk showcasing examples of good practice in procurement and delivery, which includes two examples from the Vale of Glamorgan at Peterston Church in Wales Primary School and Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

There will be more about that in my next GEM column.

Chance encounter with a shy heron on Blorenge Mountain

RECENTLY, on a morning when the sky was overcast and looking full of rain, 12 walkers joined Clive for a trip up to the Blorenge Mountain and, with fingers crossed, the day turned out to be perfect for walking.

Joining the group for their walk was a young French lady who was unable to find a walk in the Abergavenny area on that day and had used the group's website, and also Sue, a long-time member who had not walked seriously for some time since having two hip replacements last year.

In order to make her transition back to longer walking more comfortable and to boost her confidence in her ability, the leader very kindly did his walk the opposite way around to avoid unnecessary hard climbing, and it worked a treat!

Starting from the Keepers car park, they met a group of ramblers from Merthyr who were doing the same walk the opposite way around, before making their way to Keepers Pond.

This whole area lies within the Brecon

Beacons National Park and also the Blaenavon World Heritage site. The pond was formerly known as Forge Pond as it supplied power to the nearby Garnddyrys

Forge. They took the top pathway around the pond and were rewarded with excellent views of the central Beacons, then Sugar Loaf and Skirrid Mountain which were admired over coffee.

On reaching the hut at the north end of Blorenge, they began to descend to the Punchbowl and as they approached they were treated to the sight of a heron which was on the opposite side of the lake.

Continuing, they continued on to the Llanfoist incline, where the iron from the Garnddyrys Forge was sent down in wagons to the wharf on the Brecon to Monmouthshire canal, before being moved to Newport and shipped to all parts of the world.

They passed the cut and shut tunnel which was almost obscured by the ferns, but they managed to take a peek inside at one end.

Continuing their journey, they found that they were walking over stone sleepers that formed the base for the Hills

Tramroad and it is still possible to see where the rails were fixed to them.

Eventually, they came to the site where the old Queen Victoria pub stood and where in 1946 during a lively party, a loud creak was followed by the floor collapsing and 30 customers ending up in the cellar, no doubt with sore heads the following day!

The remains of the old Garnddyrys Forge lie nearby where the pig iron from the Bleanavon Ironworks was made into wrought iron and there is still a mound of old slag there.

They crossed a new wooden footbridge over a stream that had completely dried up due to lack of rainfall, before heading for their last climb which led them back to their start.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

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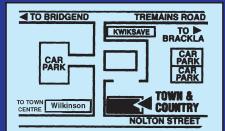
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SEASON END REPORT FROM BARRY CHESS CLUB

Podium finish for battling Bosuns

THE curtain recently came down on the East Glamorgan Chess League's 2009-2010 season and members of Barry Chess Club were reasonably satisfied with their teams' final standings.

With Bridgend now having the services of International masters Roland Berzinsh and Odion Aikhoje, both unbeaten in 12 and 15 games respectively, they have become the 'big beats' of division one, so that even Cardiff Chess Club's superior numbers, and the experience of its Castles team, proved ineffective against the new champions.

Considering the foregoing, Barry's first division representatives, The Bosuns, attained a creditable third position with some worthy individual performances.

These are approximately 80-100 players involved in each of the higher divisions, and the Barry Bosuns' Steve Cuniffie, Dave Parsons, Richard Hanscombe and captain Lee Davis all featured in the top 20 scorers, with Steve attaining the highest position of seventh on a very creditable 70 per cent.

Very unhappy with its demotion at the end of

the 2008-2009 season, Barry's second team, The Camelots, had high hopes of taking the division three title en route to regaining its second division status.

Unfortunately for Barry, Messrs Berzinsh and Aikhoje had created a 'filter down' effect which strengthened Bridgend's other teams, and early in the season, Barry found that they had a fight on their hands.

The Camelots performed solidly, losing only two matches. One of these losses was a narrow 3.2 defeat but the other – and this ultimately sealed their fate – was a disastrous 4½ : ½ thumping by Pontypridd, which more or less gifted another divisional title to Bridgend.

The Camelots nevertheless secured their promotion back to division two, reflecting ruefully on the one that got away. Four Camelots' players featured in the top 12 scorers of this division, most noteworthy being Craig Woolcock and captain Ken Hannah in fourth and fifth positions with 78 per cent and 75 per cent respectively.

Captain Ken Hannah also acknowledged Peter Watkins' efforts as having contributed to the team's final standing.

Barry Chess Club's third team, The Gambits, also played in division

three but with the weight of effort and personnel being concentrated upon the club's first two teams, things were never going to be easy for captain Sam White to pull a rabbit from the hat and conjure up a double club promotion.

Despite some hard-fought wins, too many Gambits' losses peppered the results table and the team had to content itself with a mid-table berth.

Sam's individual performance for The Gambits gained him a position in the top 20 scorers while Craig Woolcock, dividing his affections between both teams in this division, finished second (and unbeaten) with an impressive 87 per cent.

Sam White wore two hats during the season, fulfilling a dual captaincy role in also overseeing the fortunes of Barry's fourth team, The Quarks.

The consequence of players being needed to turn out for higher teams is felt even more acutely in division four, where life seldom runs smoothly and Sam's quarks' hat was similarly devoid of long-eared furry creatures as the team, often having to default boards, finished 1½ points off a promotion spot.

The best individual performance by a Barry player in this division

was that of Windsor Lewis, who finished in 10th place with 62 per cent.

Summer KO Cup

In past years, the summer months have been a relatively quiet, chess-free period with only the East Glamorgan Summer KO Cup to amuse any hardened addicts.

How times have changed! In addition to the summer cup, there is now an East Glamorgan summer league, three sections of the Welsh Cup and the Welsh Chess Premier League to placate the insatiable and perplex other less enthusiastic souls.

Barry Chess Club is keen to recruit new members. Any interested in playing league chess or perhaps just a friendly game or two with regular members, is invited to attend the club.

The club has secured funding to purchase new digital clocks, the use of which despite the misgivings of certain Luddite factions with the club's ranks, will inevitably become the norm, rather than the exception, for league and tournament games in the not too distant future.

Barry Chess Club meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm on the first floor of the West End Club, St Nicholas Road. KEVIN GANDY

Vintage bike enthusiasts see local boy take top job



One lovingly maintained vintage machine.



ABOVE: Bill and Jean Phelps at the presidential dinner in Aberthain.



ABOVE: Bill Phelps with Paul St Mard.

VINTAGE motorcycle enthusiasts around the Vale

were celebrating recently when one of their number was made president of the Great British Vintage Motorcycle Club

Mr Bill Phelps, who

lives in Creigiau, was

previously the president

of the south Wales

branch, and was the first

Welshman to be national

president.

It sparked a recent

weekend of celebration,

starting with a 'presiden-

tial dinner' at the Farmers

Arms in Aberthain.

Bill told The GEM:

"There was an interna-

tional element, as Paul St

Mard came from Brussels

to spend the weekend

with us.

"Paul is the president

of the Classic Motorcycle

Club of Belgium and is a good personal friend. His club, the CMB, is twinned with our section of the Vintage Motorcycle club.

"The funny thing is, Paul was born in Penarth, and his parents moved to Belgium when he was only four years of age, so we consider him to be part Welsh."

The Vintage Motor Cycle Club was started in 1946 and currently is the largest motorcycle club in the world with more than 16,000 members.

Bill said: "The weekend in question was quite an affair and after the dinner on the Friday evening, we all went on a run from Llandow, which passed through Cowbridge on the Saturday.

"We then held our annual seaside run on the Sunday, which started from Penarth."

Barrivale Bridge results

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are:

On July 20: 1st, Mike Close and Mick Green 63.69 per cent; 2nd, Irene Thomas and Jane Brook 60.71; 3rd, Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles 51.79. Hilary and Viv won on handicap.

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Ystradown is the Vale's Best Kept Village



ABOVE: Ystradown were the winners and they were represented by Mrs Mavis Burnham (left), Mrs Rosemary Ives and Peter Lever (holding the cup). Best Kept Village committee members John Curteis, Coun Anthony Ernest and Basil Watkins joined them to celebrate.



ABOVE: Coun Ian Moody received a special feature certificate and cheque on behalf of Wenveoe.



ABOVE: Chief judge Rod Moore with Basil Watkins.

THERE was an air of excitement as the chief judge rose at the annual dinner of the Best Kept Village competition to declare this year's result.

This expectancy applies to everyone, as at this stage he is the only one who knows. Under the rules, after teams from the committee have done their preliminary judging, the top five villages are selected as the short list for the chief judge, who, after a careful briefing on the rules, makes the final decision.

This year's judge had excellent credentials for the task - Robert Moore is a trustee of Cowbridge Physic Gardens and previously had experience in environmental matters.

His dedication, too, was such that after being taken to each finalist and studying it closely; often retracing his steps and talking to the villagers; on the following day, he cycled around every one to confirm his first impressions.

He said he felt "privileged to live in such an exceptionally beautiful area as the Vale", with its wonderful countryside and its proximity to the sea.

He was most impressed by the hard work and attention given, which is evident in so many ways such as neat hedges, gardens and verges, together with the explosion of colours from the various floral displays.

He admired the care exhibited around the churches, playing fields, pubs and schools. He also paid tribute to the way the history of the villages was celebrated with the preservation of memorabilia from past eras.

He "loved to see the sweet peas flowering" on street names, and the millstones, anvils and village pumps all restored - as well as bird sanctuaries in church porches!

Finally, the degree of excellence in the finalists was so high and the marks so close that it was hard to make a final decision.

In the end, the marks for 'community effort', which is the ethos of the competition, finally tilted the scales and the results were: 1st, Ystradown, 2nd, Wenveoe, 3rd, Michaelston le Pit, joint 4th, Llanmaes and Gilston.

SPECIAL FEATURE AWARD
THIS is given for a new feature developed in a village, or for considerably enhancing an existing

one, and was judged by Mr Richard Skinner.
Special feature winners

Flemington Village Signs - The special feature in Flemington is a project organised by Gwennan Rees as part of her Welsh Baccalaureate qualification in year-12 at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

Her entry to this competition was her community service element of the qualification. It consisted of setting up planters at each of the three village entry signs to Flemington. Each of the planters had a different theme.

One facing south was a 'Summer Cottage Garden'; one facing north was 'A Natural Garden'; and the third one which faced west was an 'Architectural Garden'.

All the planters were found to be not only attractive, but also imaginatively created and each well suited the orientation of the sign it stood in front of. The project was well up to the standard needed to be given an award under our BKV Special Feature section.

Well done, Gwennan, and those in Flemington who helped and donated the odd plant!

Wenveoe Upper Orchid Field - The Upper Orchid Field is historically an old meadow which in the last two decades had been neglected and become a tangle of impenetrable brambles, ash and bracken.

During the last five years, the Wenveoe Wildlife Group has set itself the task of clearing the field of the unwanted bracken, ash and bramble by mowing and strimming.

Old footpaths have been re-opened and new ones formed. Dotted around the field margin in the hedge lines they have installed many bug, bird and bat boxes.

The field is managed in a way to encourage wild flower species to flourish; it is now the habitat of a very wide range of plant and animal species.

To date, surveys have recorded more than 300 dif-

ferent species of plant, bug, bird and reptile. Importantly, the field is also used for educational purposes with schools, Beaver groups and various wild life groups visiting.

Three hundred man hours are put into managing, recording and training exercises in this field per year. A short review cannot begin to properly describe the true gem this field is.

It, too, was considered well worthy of giving one of our Best Kept Village Special Feature Awards. Well done, Wenveoe Wildlife Group.

BASIL WATKINS

RIGHT: One of the juniors brings a touch of humour to the competition.



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RIGHT:
Soroptimist member Judy James together with club President Judith Lewis interviewing pupils and some of the proud students with their certificates.



SOROPTIMISTS GIVE LOCAL STUDENTS INTERVIEW TIPS!

MEMBERS of Soroptimist International Barry and District recently staged 'mock' interviews for 62 sixth form pupils from Bryn Hafren School, giving them advice on interviewing techniques.

This was part of their Welsh International Baccalaureate advanced diploma - key skills, problem-solving, and looking at what students would do when they left school.

This was an area in which the members felt they could assist pupils by helping them to develop their interview skills

and boosting their confidence, in what can be a daunting experience for young people.

The feedback from the pupils was excellent. There were many positive comments such as the one from Jordan Dent:

"They encouraged me to concentrate on my strengths and present myself in a positive light."

It was an equally rewarding experience for the Soroptimists who took part. As member Jean Bisham said: "I really enjoyed my time with the students and under the guidance of fellow Soroptimists and Sixth Form Tutor, Jackie Memory, I hope I helped



the students to improve their skills. "I was very impressed with their commitment and determination. I wish them all the best in the future."

This was a sentiment expressed by all the members who took part in the project.

ABOVE: The interview process takes place.

Special traffic arrangements for Vale of Glamorgan Show

THE annual Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show will be held at Fonmon Castle on Wednesday, August 11th.

The event attracts a significant amount of visitors and it is expected that year will be no exception.

While the showground itself will be marshalled by show stewards, a one-way traffic system will be in

operation to ease access and egress from the site.

This will be signed and coed by the Vale highways department and the Vale police will supervise traffic control to ensure there is as little congestion as possible.

Vale neighbourhood policing sergeant Paul Revers said: "We want to provide a safe and secure environment for visitors, competitors

and exhibitors alike, enabling everyone to get into the show and leave with the minimum of delay. We also want to keep any inconvenience to local traffic to the minimum by preventing congestion on the roads around the site, particularly the B4265, which is the busiest road to the show."

All traffic approaching from the east will be directed to enter the

showground from the B4465, turning left into Fonmon Village.

All traffic travelling from the west will enter the showground via the main entrance (Gate 1) on the B4265. There will be no right turns at these

points which will be mandatory.

Exit from the show-

ground will be: east bound traffic will turn left at Gate 1; west bound traffic will exit via Gate 2 (Castle Lane) onto the B4265.

'Bosch DID have positive dialogue with Conservatives'

I WISH to take issue with the assertion from the Unite union that the Labour Party's meeting with Bosch chiefs in Stuttgart was somehow more productive than a similar meeting held with Conservative AMs (The GEM, July 22).

The spokesman went on to suggest that Conservative AMs had 'embarrassed' the company. This is completely untrue and I call on the trades union spokesman to retract this accusation.

It is the responsibility of all elected representatives, regardless of party politics, to engage constructively with employers in their constituencies and to represent the views of their electorate. This is precisely what we did by visiting Bosch bosses in Stuttgart, at no cost to the taxpayer in an attempt to help employees at the Bosch factory in Miskin.

It is disappointing that the Labour Party-supporting views of the Unite union are so entrenched that it fails to serve the best interests of employees. Bosch management engaged positively with Conservative members in what has been a productive and constructive dialogue.

I would suggest that the only embarrassment caused to a politician in this saga was when Jane Hutt was ushered out of the factory grounds for trying to hold an impromptu press conference on Bosch property. I can only assume that the Labour-leaning spokesman failed to recall this embarrassing gaffe.

Andrew RT Davies, AM for South Wales Central

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LEFT:
Lyndsay Ellis of Park Funeral Directors, is well known in Barry and pledges to "provide a funeral that respects a family's needs and is within their budget".

A BRAND new funeral company - Park Funeral Directors - has opened in the centre of Barry with the aim of "making every funeral personal to that person".

Director Lyndsay Ellis explained: "The process of arranging a funeral should be all about offering a personal service.

"It is a sensitive job, helping people when they are at their most vulnerable, and we want people to have a good memory of what is a difficult day."

Park Funerals is located at 7 Tynewydd Road, opposite the library, with ample free car parking within just 50 yards.

When people arrive to discuss the details of a funeral, there is a relaxed family room where Lyndsay can sit down with bereaved people to discover the best way to conduct a funeral of their loved one.

"Some people think that you

have to adhere to particular conventions, but within the framework of a funeral, our aim is to make every funeral personal to that person. In the past, I have arranged a number of funerals reflecting the lives of loved ones.

"At one, a popular boxing trainer, we held the funeral in the boxing ring with the bell ringing at the beginning and end of the service. The coffin was carried out of the ring by the boxing trainees.

"For a girl who was a Manchester United fan we wore red ties, had white horses with red plumes and a carriage with red drapes. The funeral was a sea of red to illustrate one of the loves of her life.

"For an Eddie Stobart spotter, I arranged for one of the lorries to carry his coffin!

"We aim to go the extra mile for people."

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For Lyndsay, a family man with two daughters, Georgina (15) and Nikita (11) the role of a funeral director is a vocation rather than a job – wife Nicola is also a funeral arranger – with the Coop.

Lyndsay (38) began in the funeral business more than 20 years ago, learning every aspect of the profession, and is well known from his time with AG Adams & Son on Gladstone Road and W Spicketts in Cadotown.

Over the years he has shown clients that nothing is too much for him.



ABOVE:
The service chapel.



ABOVE:
The family room, where people can sit in a relaxed environment to discuss how their loved one's funeral should be conducted.

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"At one funeral, I helped to lay on nine limousines, doves – as a sign of peace, and an aeroplane with a banner."

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The new business's independence is an important factor for him.

"Being independent means that we are not responsible to financial managers, suppliers, or any of the groups in large chains of funeral directors.

"We are solely responsible to, and concerned with, the families we have the privilege of helping."

"There are no dress rehearsals, our job is to listen carefully and then offer people the right guidance."

"A family want a funeral that respects their needs and is within their budget."

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Your LOCAL BUSINESS Spotlight...

How the smaller shops score over the superstores... SHOPPING ISN'T JUST ABOUT MAKING A PURCHASE - but also about making and meeting friends!

EVERY town in the UK consists of a mix of multiple stores and locally-owned independent shops.

It is the balance between these two elements that gives each its unique character and flavour.

There is a serious risk that many towns are becoming clones of each other, with chain stores offering identical products and services in premises that look exactly the same in every town from Land's End to John O'Groats.

The only thing that prevents this happening is the presence in sufficient numbers of small shops owned by local people who offer a variety of products.

Shopping in smaller towns like Bridgend and Maesteg, can give shoppers access to these businesses where the owners pride themselves on service and where a strong sense of

community enhances the entire retail experience.

For example, Richard Collins, president of Maesteg Chamber of Trade, who runs Travella, a clothing shop in the town centre, pointed out that Maesteg had a very strong sense of community.

"Shopping in Maesteg is a social occasion," he said. "It's not only about getting the items you need – it's about calling into shops where the owner and staff know you and know your needs."

"It's about enjoying a chat with friends and acquaintances as you go around town and it's about enjoying a cup of coffee with them in a café or restaurant.

Town centres are so important to the well-being of communities. They are the focal point and the place where people meet.

"The danger is that unless people support shops in our town cen-

tres, they will lose too many to be able to offer enough choice to attract shoppers.

"People should be mindful of this when they choose to visit out of town stores or supermarkets. In many ways, it's a case or use it or lose it as far as town centres are concerned."

Maesteg has lost shops in recent years – some due to the regeneration of Commercial Street, which saw the street dug up for well over a year and a whole host of shops closed down, others down to outside factors such as the loss of the Woolworth's chain.

However, the town has had good news, with the impending arrival of Peacock's – which has long links with the town, going back decades.

Peacock's had stalls in Maesteg market for many years but these were closed when the company changed direction in the 1980s and pulled out of market trading.

"We were promised then that Peacock's would return with a shop if suitable premises became available", said Mr Collins. "I have written to the company myself over the years urging them to return, so nobody was more pleased than me by their decision to take

over the old Woolworth's store in Commercial Street.

"This will breathe new life into the town centre and should draw in many people and encourage them to walk up Commercial Street once again.

"There will be a spin-off for local shops from increased footfall in the town centre. This will help Maesteg turn the corner and start to pull out of this recession."

Bridgend too is turning the corner – according to its chamber president Vicky Perks who runs a health shop.

"There are a lot of positive things going on in the town," she said.

"We have a new town centre manager, Rhiannon Kingsley, who is working with Monique's, which has moved to Nolton Street, which is where it first started.

She said that the chamber had also been working with BCBC to get action on upgrading the Rhiw car park, which is seen as the key to getting shoppers into the Queen Street – Dunraven Place part of town and also into the Rhiw centre.

"Asda has undoubtedly brought people into Bridgend and many people use their free car park to walk into town first before visiting the

store. I have noticed a big increase in footfall along Nolton Street.

"There would have been no benefit if Asda had gone out of town like Tesco, which brings no trade into Bridgend at all," she added.

Ms Perks said that there were plans to revamp the Brackla Shopping Centre, but this needed private investment and times are hard at the moment.

"We are hopeful that it will take place because it's a bit of an eyesore at the moment as people walk through the centre.

Bridgend market remains the heart of the town, with a host of small businesses located in the stalls.

While food stalls tend to predominate and draw people in, there are also many stalls offering a variety of items and services, including a super new second hand bookshop which should satisfy even the most avid reader.

"We are seeing a very changing situation in Bridgend," explained Vicky. "Yes, we have lost some businesses and we do have some empty shops, but we are also seeing new shops opening as people with enterprise and flair try their hand at offering shoppers something different at affordable prices.

The baby shop, Little Lambs, which was in the market, has merged with Anita's children's wear and opened a new shop, also in Dunraven Place – and another new boutique called Butterfingers has opened in Market Street.

Older established shops like menswear specialist Williams and Evans, which has been in Bridgend for more than a century, are also

flourishing. Handbag, shoe and jewellery shop Felicity's in Nolton Street is high on the list for anyone seeking these items in the town.

Shops like Hardings' leather shop offer quality items, and there are other businesses like Izzit's which offer accessories of all shapes and types.

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"Our smaller local towns such as Bridgend are a great place to shop and proves that you do not need to travel to Cardiff or Swansea to get what you want.

"It's here in our town," she insisted.

Countdown to Marie Curie's annual garden party begins

AT this year's annual garden party and fete on Saturday, August 7, the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth will be holding a wedding dress auction, as "something different" to raise much-needed funds.

Donated by the daughter of a former patient of the hospice, the beautiful gown is worth more than £1,000.

A spokeswoman said: "We are calling all brides-to-be to come along and try to pick up a bargain!"

"The dress is made of French taffeta and comes with a hoop and 3/4 length veil covered with beads, pearls and crystals and would fit a ladies size 12-14."

The dress will be on display at the Marie Curie Hospice charity shop on Windsor Road, Penarth in the week before the event.

For more information, contact Claire on 02920 426068 or email claire.notman@mariecurie.org.uk

The spokeswoman added: "Not only will we be holding this wedding dress auction, but we will also have special guests – the 'Traffic Cops' – a great chance to meet the South Wales Police Roads Policing Unit and see one of their vehicles.

"You'll also get a chance to pick up a bargain at one of our stalls, so come along and see what you can find!"

"Alternatively, enjoy some entertainment from the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band, who will be playing in the bandstand, as well as trying some food from the fantastic SamosaCo, who are going to wow you with curry and different samosas on the day."

"One of the stalls that we will be having this year is Blue Rose Jewellery, owned by Rebecca Flynn, whose grandfather sadly passed away at the hospice in Penarth.

"She's created some unique Swarovski-covered daffodil brooches especially for the event, with all proceeds going directly to the hospice.

"To see more of her creations visit www.bluerosejewellery.co.uk"

The garden party is an annual event held in Windsor Gardens, Penarth, to raise much-needed funds for the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth.

If the hospice raises £5,000 this year, it will be able to pay for 250 specialist nursing care hours within the hospice for those patients who need it.

This service is provided completely free of charge, which is why continued support is needed.

For more information about the garden party, contact Claire or Deborah on 029 2042 6068.

CS Boxall Ltd holds 'open day'

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Gardens open around Barry

BARRY gardens are opening to raise funds for cancer charities under the National Gardens Scheme on August 1.

No 1, North Walk is open this time and has a completely redesigned front garden with an alpine bed, a 'retro' conifer bed, herb boxes and a small parterre.

The rest of the garden is full of interesting plants and lots in bloom.

No 11, Arne Road, has entered Barry In Bloom for several years and has an amazing garden full of colour from

the many annuals he grows.

There is a pets corner of plants named after animals and is an ever-changing garden with plants growing in more than 600 pots.

No 11, Arne Road, is a plantsman's paradise with ponds, rock garden, alpine sinks and a fernery. It is crammed with many hardy plants and always has something in flower, at the moment with phloxes, and other late summer flowering plants.

It was filmed recently for an HTV series to be shown soon.

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The Curse of the 'threequel' avoided by Toy Story franchise

"THREE is the magic number" – so sang De La Soul in 1989, but in the world of films, it is a statement that doesn't ring completely true.

In recent times, a franchise's third outing has been its achilles heel. From *Spiderman* 3's 'too many villains spoiling the broth', *X-Men* 3's eschewing of its forebears' weighty mix of drama and spectacle to create a blockbuster lacking in drama, to *The Godfather Part* 3's sheer woefulness, the 'threequel' has not been the happiest of hunting grounds.

One franchise making its way onto its third instalment is *Toy Story*, with the aptly-titled *Toy Story* 3 hitting cinema screens.

After being stowed in Andy's toy chest, and with Andy heading to college, it is time for Woody (Tom Hanks), Buzz (Tim Allen) and the rest of the gang to move on.

After a mix-up with bags they are taken to Sunnyside Daycare Centre, and are welcomed by Lotso (Ned Beatty) and other toys, who take the newcomers under their wing; however, they realise that this toy's paradise is something closer to hell...

Given Pixar's blemish-free record, the chances of *Toy Story* 3 being the turkey that spoils the studio's run and darkens the name of the *Toy Story* franchise veered between slim and none; such is Pixar's knowledge and ability, the finished product isn't likely to be found wanting in many areas.

And so that is the case with *Toy Story* 3, a superb film that, while perhaps lacking the charm and humour of parts one and two, makes up for it with an emotional rollercoaster that will bring, at the very least, a lump in your throat the size of a Jabulani.

Considering the amount of time that has passed between part 2 and this one, it would be easy to assume that the interest in a third outing would be slight, that something brighter, brasher and bolder had come along to take its place in our hearts; but, aside from the *Shrek* franchise, nothing has been so well-loved in the world of animation, and, unlike the *Shrek* franchise, such is the unimpeachable nature of the first two films that the critical and commercial love for them means that a third instalment could realistically only dampen the fans' ardour.

However, the minds behind *Toy Story* 3 have cleverly cottoned onto the fact that the audience for the franchise has grown up, and the end product they deliver is one that is full of the thrills, spills and laugh-out-loud humour you would expect, but there is also an element of maturer concerns on show – the con-

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMESON

in the universe the previous films have created and placing the emphasis squarely on enjoyment, the prison break feel of the film affording plenty of neat set-pieces.

Meanwhile, the rendering of the characters is pin sharp, Pixar as ever technically on top, while the 3D effect works in giving added clarity and depth to the image, using it in the way that it should be used.

If there are any flaws it's only that, even with its 103-minute running time, some characters don't get fully explored, particularly the new additions. Characters, like Mr Pricklepants, especially, are saddled with minimal lines, a necessary evil of getting the film to run to an acceptable length, but they are so entertaining that you want to see more of them. A credits sequence at least offers a little bit more of them, but the sidelining of some intriguing additions to the character roster takes only a small amount of sheen off what is an undeniable triumph.

When the Pixar golden run will end is anybody's guess, but it certainly won't come to an end with *Toy Story* 3; if this is the end of the line for Woody, Buzz et al, then it couldn't have gone out with a better bang, the finished product being a perfect way to cap off the franchise.

VERDICT: Proving itself to be the better of the many three-queles out there, *Toy Story* 3 caps off what has been a pretty flawless franchise with a glorious flourish.

The likes of Joan Cusack (Jessie), Don Rickles and Estelle Harris (Mr and Mrs Potatohead), Wallace Shawn (Rex) and John Ratzner (Hamm) are all superb, the experience of their characters coming through wonderfully well. New additions like Michael Keaton (Ken), Ned Beatty (Lotso) and Timothy Dalton (Mr Pricklepants) fit like a glove into the film and the narrative.

Lee Unkrich's previous co-direction experience on *Finding Nemo* and *Monsters Inc.*, as well as *Toy Story* 2, stands him in good stead, obviously more than aware of the expectations and the need to push the envelope, but delivering a film that doesn't try too hard to impress, feeling relaxed

POLITICIANS ACCENTUATE VALE COURTS' POSITIVES TO STAVE OFF ANY CLOSURE

by TIM CHAPMAN

A local councillor has appealed to residents to support a campaign to prevent the closure of the Vale Magistrates Court.

an excellent service for the whole of the Vale.

"The case for keeping the court open is that if it was to close, it would hinder the good work of the domestic violence unit, would add a financial burden to users, and would cause a financial strain for those travelling to and fro to Cardiff.

"People can take part in the consultation exercise by writing to Stephen Whale, Director, Courts Transformation (Wales), Churchill House, Churchill Way,

"It is important that as many people as possible sign up and say 'no' to the closure. It provides

Cardiff. CF10 2HH or by sending an email to Stephen.Whale@hmcts-service.gsi.gov.uk."

A Ministry of Justice consultation paper was published in June recommending closure with cases being heard in Cardiff instead. Three and a half years ago the court was saved after an extensive review backed its future.

Both the Vale Assembly Member and the MP have had meetings with Mr David Taylor JP, the chairman of the local bench, to offer their support.

Jane Hutt AM said: "It would be nonsensical to close the Barry

Magistrates Court which is fully functioning, with 68 trained justices of the peace.

"Family and youth, and domestic violence courts are held with a separate witness and victim support service which I visited again last week.

"I was able to see the newly-installed lift, refurbished courts and the recently upgraded cells.

"This is public money

which has been invested in these courts, which were reprieved only four years ago. I urge everyone to sign the petition to keep the court open."

Alun Cairns raised the issue of the court in questions to the Justice Minister last week, and subsequently last Friday

had a meeting with Mr Taylor.

Mr Cairns said: "We had an excellent meeting as I wanted to take into account the issues that the Minister will be considering when he takes his final decision.

"We have agreed to co-ordinate our submission to the Department for Justice, ensuring that we are not across purposes.

"In the House of Commons, I highlighted the separate entrances for defendants and witnesses in Barry, but our arguments can't solely focus on bricks and mortar.

"We need to highlight the excellent efficiencies the magistrates and staff show, and the targets they regularly exceed."

Jenny's race for cancer charity

LLANGAN couple, Jean and Mike Pearce, are this week celebrating the arrival of their first grandchild.

Sarah Louise (pictured below with her proud mum) arrived weighing 7lb 10oz. Her great grandfather Maurice, who also lives in Llangan, says he is "absolutely delighted".

He will be a constant visitor to her home in Willand in Devon, where she will be living with her parents, Caroline and Brian.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ALTHOUGH there are no signs on the green at Effern Goch advising owners of vehicles that they should not park there, it seems this advice is being ignored.

The matter will be investigated and dealt with as soon as possible.

Grass cutting is urgently needed around the Llangan Community Hall and broken benches close to the hall are in need of TLC!

Planning: River Court, Treoes; proposal to access gates to dwelling development (shared access road). THE grass at the George V playing field in Treoes has now been cut, enabling the children to resume playing football and other games.

This is also a popular area for Treoes residents walking their dogs.

A new lock and key had to be provided at the entrance at a cost of £65.

Llangan and St Mary Hill Fair

I AM very much looking forward to this year's fair. It promises to be the most entertaining for many years, so well done to the hall entertainment committee. All we need is the sun to shine!

This year's Race for Life, which took place on July 18 in Cardiff, inspired many women to push themselves through their own pain barrier.

Jenny Davies (above, left) of Barry had her whole family behind her when she ran, especially her daughter Ella (right). Her husband Jonathan said: "Congratulations on running the Race for Life and raising an amazing £300. We're all very proud of you".



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TALYGARN PONY CLUB ENTERTAINS THE PUBLIC

MORE than 250 people attended an 'open day' held by Talygarn Equestrian Centre.

Pony club members put on a number of displays to entertain the visitors.

A total of £250 was raised towards sending the pony club centre's team to the Pony Club championships at Derby in August.



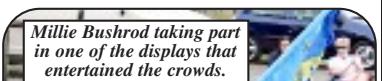
The musical ride.



'Cruella De Ville' – Carys Morgan.



The Dalmatians – mini pony club ages 5 to 7.



Millie Bushrod taking part in one of the displays that entertained the crowds.



Cadoxton Ladies struggle in league matches

CADOXTON ladies were welcomed to Millwood on Thursday afternoon to play the Glamorgan Section one league.

The weather was beautiful and the ladies enjoyed the afternoon, although it was not entirely successful for the Cadoxton ladies.

Rink one: Cadoxton – M Slee, A Rees, D Evans, J Tuck 16-11.

This game was a one of two halves with Millwood dominating the first half and Cadoxton coming back at the end, taking nine shots in the last six ends to take the game.

Rink two: Cadoxton – J Watkins, C Bentley, N Clissett, M O'Callaghan 7-30.

This was just not Cadoxton's day as nothing they did went right for them. On a very tricky green when they did get the shots Millwood's strong team turned the result in their favour.

Rink three: Cadoxton – M Conibear, P Cox, P Davies, E Osborne 15-17.

This game was very good game with the scores being very close and on the 11th end Cadoxton were in the lead 11-10. Millwood retaliated by getting two shots on the 12th end, and were able to keep the scoring up so the 15th end saw the scores at 17-11 to Millwood. The Cadoxton ladies fought well and won the last three ends for four shots, but not enough to win the game.

Final score: Cadoxton 38 – Millwood 58.

St Fagans visited Cadoxton on Friday evening to play the Glamorgan evening league. It's very hard to believe that there is only one evening game left after this game.

Rink one: Cadoxton – J Pycroft, A Jones, D Evans, N Clissett 7-22.

The heavy rain had made the green extremely heavy and the ladies found the green difficult to manage. They started with each team winning two shots on the first four ends. Then Cadoxton ladies could not score until the 13th end when they took one shot.

St Fagans went from strength to strength, scoring on each end from five to 12 bringing the score to 19-2 in their favour. Cadoxton did take the last three ends for four, winning just six ends of this 18-end match.

Rink two: C Hope, M Conibear, P Cox, M O'Callaghan 5-28.

Another game dominated by the St Fagans team. Final score: Cadoxton 12 – St Fagans 50.



PORHCawl SEA FESTIVAL

Check it out: FRIDAY 6th, SATURDAY 7th and SUNDAY 8th AUGUST

Extra attractions included in this year's packed Porthcawl Sea Festival...

by PHILIP IRWIN

THEY say that every cloud has a silver lining, and that is certainly the case for this year's Porthcawl Sea Festival, which runs for a week from August 2-8.

The stormy weather that hit the town earlier this year forced the cancellation of the town's day of music at Cosy Corner – but now the event has been included in the sea festival.

It means that there will be live music at the harbour all afternoon on Sunday (August 8) – a great way of closing the week.

The chairman of the Porthcawl Town Council working party that has co-ordinated the event, Coun David Newton-Williams, told The GEM:

"I think this year the festival has a very good mix of events, and harbour day, particular, will have plenty for the children."

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SEASIDE TRADITIONS ARE AT THE HEART OF LIFE IN PORTHCAWL – AND A WARM WELCOME AWAITS!

(CONTINUED FROM FACING PAGE)

On Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, the West Coast Surf Club is holding family surfing sessions (cost £10) at Coney Beach.

For children 11-and-over, there will be free surfing lessons, also at

Coney Beach, on Thursday, 11am–1pm and 2pm–4pm.

Staying on the beach, there will be a sandcastle competition on Friday (free entry) on Coney Beach (time to be confirmed).

Away from the beach, the festival pro-

gramme offers a ghost walk (Thursday) at 6pm, starting at the Swan public house in Nottage, and a talk on 'Porthcawl Past and Present' by the local museum society on Thursday in the Grand Pavilion on Friday at 7.30pm (tickets £4).

This will centre

around extracts from Samuel Taylor Coleridge's 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' – accompanied by music and sound effects.

It will be followed by an open mic poetry session.

However, the weekend is when things really take off and on harbour day (Saturday), there will be children's rides and arts and craft stalls at Cosy Corner, and plenty of things happening in and around the harbour.

One special event is a 24-hour charity climb by the local Fire Service.

A team of firefighters will be climbing the same ladder – again and again – counting the distance climbed until they reach a point equivalent to the top of Mount Everest!

Proceeds will go to the Fire Service Benevolent Fund

On Sunday, the Active Young People's Department of the council will be working with local clubs to put on a range of fun sporting activities on Coney Beach.

These will take place from 11am, right through to 4pm.

In addition, there

will be a life-saving demonstration by Porthcawl Lifeguard Club at 12pm on Coney Beach, and another at Rest Bay by the Rest Bay Lifeguards at 2.30pm.

As revealed earlier, there will be live music all afternoon at Cosy Corner, from

1pm–6pm, with a mix-

sea shanty is not compulsory, of course, but it certainly helps develop an enthusiastic chorus!

Porthcawl is proud of its coastline, and loves to share it.

A warm welcome awaits at the Sea festival!

DRAMA, WHAT DRAMA? ...The fishing goes on!



ABOVE:

A recent air-sea rescue exercise took place over the harbour breakwater, but the anglers were not disturbed!
(Photograph by Keith E Morgan).

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Out and About with The GEM

Spooky goings-on in Hensol!

A well-known local location has been 'taken over' by a film production company for a BBC series.

Instead of spotting woodland wildlife, visitors to Hensol woodlands in the last few weeks may have come face-to-face with a ghost, were-wolf or even a vampire.

Fans will recognise the three main characters

in the BBC Three series *Being Human* which was being filmed at Hensol woodlands in the Vale.

The production team from Touchpaper Wales had gone down to the woods to film scenes for the third series of the supernatural drama-comedy which stars Russell Tovey, Lenora Crichlow, Aidan Turner and Sinead Keenan.

"Combined with the attitude adopted by Forestry Commission Wales, the whole experience was straightforward and a pleasure for our

production company to deal with."

Hensol woodlands are managed by Forestry Commission Wales on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government and date back to at least 1600.

The Commission is restoring the ancient woodlands by removing non-native trees that were planted in the past, such as conifers, to allow native trees such as oak, birch, rowan and ash to flourish.

Forestry Commission

Wales's local area manager Karl Charlton said: "I'm extremely pleased that the BBC chose Hensol as a location for filming due to its location and unique atmosphere."

"As there is an outbreak of the tree disease *Phytophthora ramorum* in Hensol woodlands, we supplied the TV crew with disinfectant kits to clean their vehicles and equipment, so they were not at risk of spreading the disease."

Young Barry film student aiming for the big time

BARRY graduate Steven Toozer is aiming for the bright lights of Hollywood – and has taken his first steps on the ladder by having his work shown at Cardiff's Chapter Arts Centre.

Steven (21), whose work has previously been reviewed in The GEM by film critic, Gareth Jamieson, made a documentary about local artist Glyn Pooley for his final year at university.

Steven said he chose Glyn because he found him to be an interesting character.

"I wanted to make the documentary film because Glyn has really interesting views and thoughts on life.

He is a very uplifting person and a man that doesn't take anything for granted, he creates exceptional pieces of art."

Our film critic was highly impressed by Steven's work, and said: "Steven's work was very good when I watched his first film a few years ago, but he has improved considerably since then, showing a mature eye for detail and story.

"Documentary film-making is difficult to master – attempting to form a narrative from a natural situation – but it



STEVEN TOOZER.

is something that Steven shows he is becoming more adept at doing.

"The narrative of the documentary, local artist Glyn Pooley's love of the clouds and their inspiration to him, is handled with subtlety and effectively, using a nice blend of voice-over and imagery to get across what he is trying to show.

"While the subject matter is engaging it could be more tightly edited – the final sequence, while executed stylishly and befitting Steven's level of experience, certainly could have been trimmed a little more succinctly; but it is still a strong piece of work that is enjoyable to watch.

"My last review of Steven's work signed off wondering where he would go from here – if this is a taster, then his

future looks exceedingly bright!" Having now graduated from university with a degree in documentary film and TV, Steven hopes this is the first step onto the ladder of filmmaking. "At the moment I hope to get a job within the film industry and see where fate takes me. I enjoy directing, editing and filming, so anything in that area would be nice," he said.

Open air service

AN open-air outdoor Sunday service – 'Praise in the Park' – is to be held at Victoria Park, Cadoxton, on Sunday, August 1.

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is inviting all to the service, which will include a performance by South Wales Male Voice Gospel Choir as well as singer Lucy Greig, who will perform a selection of songs from her new EP. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

Park manager, Jon Greatrex, said: "Everyone is welcome, so come along, relax and enjoy listening to the service in Victoria Park's beautiful surroundings."

The event will take place at the bandstand between 3pm and 4.15pm. Admission is free.

For more information on events at Victoria Park contact Jon Greatrex, park manager, on 07809 551465 or email jgreatrex@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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Entrants must be aged 18 or over. A family pass constitutes 2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children. No cash or alternative prizes available.

Closing date Friday, 13th August. Winners to be announced in Glamorgan GEM 'What's On' pages, 26th August edition.

(Normal competition rules apply. No correspondence will be entered into)

Local shop's 10th anniversary

IT is 10 years since Andrew Morgan, his partner Anne and daughter Victoria opened the Old Village Shop in Bonvilston (01446 781012)



They opened with a splash, on July 22, 2000, with Nicola Heywood-Thomas (whose parents live in the village) performing the opening ceremony.

However, at the time, Andrew was conscious that some friends were worried that, with the rise of the supermarkets, the days of the village shop might be numbered.

Ten years later, Andrew is delighted that his judgement was correct, and that there is still a real demand for a good village store.

He told The GEM: "In the time we have been here, we have realised that you need to constantly update and refresh the items you stock – while making sure that you are never out of the essentials.

"We have first class local customers who have really stood by the shop and supported us, and we thank them for their custom."

He added: "It is amazing how quickly the 10 years have gone."

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A popular art exhibition returns to The Heritage Coast Centre, Southerndown



Local professional artist and Watercolour Society of Wales member Peter Cronin will once again be exhibiting at the Heritage Coast Centre, Southerndown, Nr. Bridgend from July 31st to August 7th

The artist will be in attendance from 10am to 5pm during the week.

Peter will be known to many leisure painters in the Vale, due to his evening and day classes at the Old Hall, Cowbridge and information on the autumn programme will be available at the exhibition.

Peter works in mainly watercolour, with the luminosity and transparency of the medium given full prominence. This exhibition also features some recently completed oil paintings, along with the traditional compliment of Heritage Coast material.

Peter is entirely self-taught, and an avid outdoor painter.

For further information,

Peter can be contacted on 01446 796652.

His work can be viewed at www.petercronin.org.

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Out and About with The GEM

Butlin's staff meet up – and recall the 'good old days'



ABOVE: Former Butlin's staff held a reunion evening at Finnegan's bar at Barry Island on Saturday evening. As the memories flooded back, GEM photographer IAN DIXON was on hand to capture the renewal of old friendships. If you have any memories that you'd like to share with our readers about Butlin's, please contact us on 01446 774484.

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Open church

EVERY Wednesday afternoon in August, the medieval church of Merthyr Dyfan, Barry, will be open from 2pm to 4pm, free admission.

Parish registers recording baptisms and marriages will be on display.

FUN DAY

THERE will be a family fun day and praise in the park (hosted by Mount Pleasant church) at Victoria Park, Cadoxton, on July 31 at 12pm to 4pm.

Bouncy castles, races for all ages, face painting, stalls, fun activities for all ages and refreshments – all free.

Praise in the Park will be repeated on August 1 at 3pm to 4.15pm, with the South Wales male voice gospel choir and singer/songwriter Lucy Grieg, Mount Pleasant worship group. Telephone 07875102277.

CARDIAC SUPPORT

BRIDGEND and District Cardiac Support group hold exercise classes every Thursday (1.15 – 6.15pm) in the communal rooms of the Princess of Wales Hospital, with a cardiac-qualified instructor. For more information, contact Ron on 01656 656732 or Ray on 01656 656386.

HIP HOP DEMO

HIP HOP techniques will be demonstrated at free street dance workshops in Berwyn Centre, Nantymoel, from August 3 to 5 at 12pm to 3pm.

Dance tutor Issie Lloyd will teach locking, lyrical movement and floor work to youngsters who will be able to put their creative skills into practice.

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Wanderers' second team survive a strong Penarth test

BARRY Wanderers Second XI were hosts to a Penarth Fourth XI that included former Glamorgan spinner Mark Frost at Hayes Point last Saturday in a tense Welsh Club Cricket Conference League Fixture.

With the heavy rain of late, the two captains, Wanderers' skipper Chris Barnes and Steve Newman of Penarth strode out to make an important toss count in their teams favour.

It went to Penarth's direction and Newman had no hesitation in asking the Wanderers to bat first on what looked to be a lively one.

So the wicket proved to be as Wanderers' opening pair Barnes and Pete Coleman were treated to some alarming bounce provided by Penarth opening bowlers Birch and Harris Beg.

Wanderers' Skipper Barnes was eventually 'done' by Birch caught at gully for 11, and Coleman was out soon after lbw to the same bowler for 7 leaving the home side on 31 for 2 off 9 overs.

The stage was now set for the 'Miandad' partnership, father and son Mike and Luke Denning to take a little time in building their innings to repair the early damage with the wicket now seemingly starting to settle down.

Both were hitting the ball to the boundary at will and setting up a good scoring rate when, after they had put on 61 for the 3rd wicket, Luke wandered down the track and was stumped by 'keeper Newman off the bowling of Hitchen for

20. On went dad Mike, who has been in good form recently joined now by Tom Ridgwell and this is now where the Wanderers' innings started to motor, both batsmen picking the gaps to score quickly putting on 104, with Denning closing in on a well-deserved ton until a magnificent catch by Hitchen off Harris Beg removed him on 92 with the score on 195 in the 37th over.

At this stage of the Wanderers' innings, it was now 'Biff' time with every run now important for a healthy total to defend.

However, with one end behaving like a revolving door, Ridgwell didn't let that deter him and he deservedly moved to 50 before 'holing out' to yet another fine catch – this time it was Crimp on the mid wicket boundary off Beg again.

With the end of innings 'slog' now on, it was very much left to Prasanth Nekkanti to lift some lusty blows over the ropes at the end to provide some entertainment as he finished with 26 not out. The innings closed on 254 for 9, the best Penarth bowling coming from Harris Beg with 4 for 53.

The Penarth reply started very slowly, Wanderers' opening bowlers Andy Fenton and Nekkanti bowling a very tight line, successfully tying them down until Newman attacked a ball from Fenton and 'played on' for a single, as did Crimp, who did exactly the same off Nekkanti for the same score.

Williams came to the crease to join Hitchen

Youth 'world cup' is held

A YOUTH football 'World Cup' for teenagers in Barry has been hailed a great success, as more than 150 tried to emulate the silky skills of the Spanish.

The youngsters, aged 12 to 17, took to the fields at Barry Comprehensive School to play in a World Cup style 'futsal' tournament co-organised by the Vale Council's 5x60 manager Ben Williams and Kantz Misra from the 'Kick It' project.

Like football, but with extra emphasis on skill, futsal is played on smaller pitches. The ball is also a little bit smaller, calling for a good first touch and technique.

In the 12 to 14 age group, 17 teams entered, including one girls team, and after playing their

way through a group stage and knockout rounds, 'My Nan FC' emerged as the winners.

Meanwhile, a group of Barry Comprehensive School pupils 'BMRT FC' were celebrating a victory on home turf in the 15-17 age category.

Futsal is one of the many varied extra-curricular sports that are being provided for secondary school pupils in the Vale thanks to the 5x60 scheme. Run by Sport Wales and overseen locally by the Vale Council's sports and play development team, the scheme aims to encourage teenagers to get active for at least 60 minutes, five days a week.

The Wanderers' reply began with Sherriff and Coleman and they swiftly put on 100 for the first wicket.

Sherriff was there at the end on 58 not out, Coleman with 29 and Luke Denning confidently won the game, striking his first ball 'Dilsha' style for 4!

To find out more about the 5x60 scheme and the new season of the Friday Night Futsal League, please call Ben Williams on 07725 829801.

A great win by 9 wickets.

ANDREW FENTON

Barry Wanderers Second XI v Penarth Fourth XI

who then had to retire after hurting his knee, replaced by Birch who was promptly bowled first ball by Fenton leaving Penarth on 32 for 3 in the 13th over. Joining Williams in the middle was Mark Frost and after a slow start, he picked up the Penarth innings from what now seemed a hopeless position as they had fallen behind a creditable run rate.

Alun Wade replaced Nekkanti at the tree end and had Williams caught by Evan Davies for 13, bringing Owen Owseen to partner Frost who was now picking out gaps in the field with typical precision.

Owseen had some shots of his own but even now, Penarth were still behind the run rate to win the match, when Wanderers' captain Barnes introduced his 'secret weapon' in the shape of Luke Denning to bowl at the Apartment end to firstly remove Frost, caught in the deep by Dave Johnson for a brave 64 and two balls later, having Owseen caught at extra cover by Ridgwell for a supportive 16.

The Penarth innings then closed up with Wanderers' fielders all around their last batsmen to finish their allotted overs with their score on 145-8 giving Barry Wanderers another well-deserved win by 109 runs. All the Wanderers bowlers played their part, with Luke Denning finishing with 3-23, Fenton 2-18, and Alun Wade 2-24.

Sofa Sofa man of the match for the Wanderers was Mike Denning.

BARRY
WANDERERS vs Pencoed -
Midweek League

UPON losing the toss, skipper Fenton asked Pencoed to bat on an uncertain track following some recent rain.

It immediately proved to be a decent shout as the impressive Prasanth bowled Thomas with the first ball of the game.

With wickets falling regularly, Pencoed struggled to 117 off their allocated 20 overs. The pick of the bowlers was debutant Nimesh with 2 for 5, and Sion Jenkins with 1 for 9.

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Sully Sports RFC prepares for season

AFTER last year's very good season, in which Sully Sports RFC finished runners-up to Star RFC in the Cardiff and District Premier Division, preparations for next season are underway.

Ray Gallivan has been appointed head coach, and pre-season training is being held each Wednesday, commencing at 6.45pm at the Sully South Road club grounds.

Although still mid-summer, and being the holiday season, numbers are encouraging, with sessions being held for both the seniors and youth teams.

With some of last year's youth side moving up to senior level,

there are plans to reform the second team on a regular basis, so players of both senior and youth age groups are most welcome to join the club – just turn up at training and be prepared to put the effort in and enjoy the sessions.

To strengthen the coaching staff, the club are seeking to appoint a youth team coach, and anyone interested should contact Anthony Powell, secretary (telephone 07970892145) or turn up at the Wednesday training sessions.

An early announcement for players is that arrangements for the end-of-season tour to the west country should be confirmed by September, and places will be on a first come first served basis.

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The Cadoxton Ladies in hard fought semi

THE Cadoxton Ladies triples team of Pam Bryant, Dianne Evans and Jean Tuck won a closely-fought semi-final of the section one Glamorgan triples competition.

The result was determined on the last end. Commissioners to Pat Jupp of Barry Athletic and her team.

Congratulations to the Cadoxton team and the best wishes from all for the final to be held at Rectory Road on August 10. The other finalists

are Yvonne Lloyd and her triples team from BP Plastics.

The final of Katie's Cup was held between Peggy Cox and Dianne Evans. It was another well fought fight, with excellent bowling, the winner being decided after an extra end as the scores were equal on the last end. In an exciting finish, Dianne won the first time by one shot.

The lead went back and forth until 15 then Cadoxton surged forward taking six shots on the last three ends to win the game.

On July 15, the ladies welcomed Cowbridge ladies to Victoria Park.

Results: Rink one, Cadoxton – J Wood P Cox, P Currie, P Davies 16 Cowbridge – M Thomas, N Woolford, S Flower, J Bradley 14.

The Cadoxton ladies started off in great style, scoring five shots on the first two ends.

Cowbridge retaliated by scoring six shots. The game continued in the same style during the afternoon, the lead

swaying back and forth between the teams.

At the 17th end, the score was equal at 14. On the last end, Cadoxton were able to bag two shots to secure the game.

Cadoxton 16 –

Cowbridge 14.

Rink two, Cadoxton – J Watkins, N Hitchen, N Clissett M O'Callaghan 16. Cowbridge D Purnell, T Jones, S Springett, A Jarvis 11.

Cowbridge started the game by taking the lead on the first four ends by four shots.

Cadoxton were slow in starting but by the ninth end had recovered to draw even at seven shots. Cowbridge were

unable to score over the next three ends and with Cadoxton scoring only one shot on each end, took the lead for the first time by one shot.

The lead went back and forth until 15 then Cadoxton surged forward taking six shots on the last three ends to win the game.

Rink three, Cadoxton – J Pycroft, L Spencer, D Evans, J Tuck 28. Cowbridge – H Snelling, P Holdsworth, P Mc Allen, M Jones 7.

Cadoxton scored six shots on the first two ends. They also scored 5 on end 5 and from this point Cowbridge

were playing catch-up. Cowbridge ladies won five ends of this 18-end game.

Cadoxton 60 –

Cowbridge 32.

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Barry Dockers FC.

Dockers taste bitter defeat on penalties

A DOCKERS international select side had its first taste of six-a-side football at the weekend.

The Stephanie O'Leary Memorial Cup was held in Port Talbot, with teams from across Wales taking part. Drawn against last year's runners-up in the group stages, the Dockers went on to win their group without conceding a goal.

In the knockout stages, and the Dockers crashed out.

Last season's unbeaten double champions are now into their pre-season training, meeting at Pencoed 6.30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Having teams in the Premier and first divisions of the Vale of Glamorgan AFL, anyone interested in playing is welcome to attend training.

DD

Stags grind out a hard-earned victory

WITH Barry Athletic 1st XI not playing, it was a chance for Damon Leake's Second XI to steal the headlines as they hosted promotion-chasing side, Croesyceiliog.

With the ground looking a little damp and the pitch looking friendly for bowling, Croesyceiliog's captain won the toss and chose to bowl first.

The opening partnership of Damon Leake and Ashley Baker was restored and immediately got the Stags off to a great start by smashing boundaries.

Everything was going to plan, until the 13th over, as Baker fell on the dreaded 49 after lobbing the ball to square leg.

New batsman, Scott Malpas, took his time getting used to the tricky conditions. He, together with Leake, made sure that the great start didn't go to waste.

Even when Leake departed for 30 after being caught behind, the Stags never looked like stalling as Jophil Reji joined Malpas and formed a dominant partnership of 138 runs. Both batsmen looked confident in their own abilities and showed the Stag crowd a fine display of batting.

However, this partnership was broken in the 37th over, as Malpas was dismissed for an impressive 85 and Reji departed soon after for 51.

This sparked a major collapse in the Barry innings, as the Stags went from 249-2 to 265 all out – a great fight back from start to finish against a strong Sully attack.

Sully fought back well in the second half and took 13 shots on last seven ends and won by two shots 16/14.

Skip Bob Pemberton, M Manfield, M Williams and H Guppy drew the short straw and struggled

overs. After the hairdryer treatment from director of Second XI cricket, Mike Johnson, the Stags were intent on putting things right in the field.

Opening bowlers, Jake Griffett and Damon Leake kept things tight and gained two wickets, including the prize wicket of John Lewis, caught by Ashley Baker from the bowling of Sam Johnson.

The Stags kept the pressure on the batsmen and it paid off, after the visitors were left requiring 154 runs from just 23

ASHLEY BAKER

Murch lose derby in Munro Cup

MURCH bowlers travelled the short distance along the coast for their midweek Munro Cup game against Sully Bowling Club.

24/9. Skip Gus Santavy, R Crouch, G Lane and C Salvidge led from the start and were five shots up on the fourth end but failed to score on the next four ends, allowing their opponents back in the game.

By the 13th end, the score was all square at 10 all and Sully only managed to pick two shots on the last seven ends and lost the game by four shots 16/12.

Skip Colin Garland, D Blainey, D Davies and D Bateeman were up against a strong Sully rink skipped by D Curtis. The game remained very close up until the 15th end with the game being all square at 12 all.

Sully only managed to score one shot on the last three ends allowing Murch back in the game by scoring three shots on the last three ends and winning the game by two shots 15/13.

Aggregate score: Murch 54, Sully 65. **RP**



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YOUNG ARTIST SCOOPS
A ROYAL WELSH PRIZE!

AN artistic school pupil has scooped the top prize in this year's Royal Welsh Agricultural Society's annual children's art and design competition.

Donna Thomas of St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, Barry, won a cash prize of £300, plus £100 for her school, and her design will now be used as the society's official Christmas card for 2010. It will go on sale later in the year at the society's winter fair.

Sponsored by Western Power Distribution (WPD), the competition attracted more than 1,000 young artists from over forty schools from across Wales. Pupils were invited to use their skill and imagination to design a painting or drawing illustrating the impact the festive season has on farming life.

Phil Davies, WPD's network services manager, who presented all the young artists with their prizes, said the standard of entries had been excellent.



Winner of the children's art and design competition
Donna Thomas is pictured with Royal Welsh lady
ambassador, Terleri Jenkins Davies, WPD's super
hero Pylon Man and Phil Davies, WPD's network
services manager for Wales,

200 pupils enjoy
Dragon Sport
on the beach

TWO hundred children from nine Vale schools gathered at Whitmore Bay beach, Barry Island for the annual Dragon Sport cricket and boccia festival.

Pupils with disabilities and special needs were able to try their hand at boccia on the promenade. The primary schools taking part were: Palmerston, Iolo Morganwg, Barry Island, Llancarfan, Murch, Wenveo, Oakfield, St Athan and St Nicholas - in a packed day organised by the Vale of Glamorgan Council's sports and play development team.

Ysgol Iolo Morganwg PE co-ordinator Alun Roberts said: "I feel it's very important that the children get extra chances to put the skills that they have learnt in lessons and after-school clubs into practice during inter-school games."

"Once again, these festivals have been well run and it's been a privilege for us at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg to take part."

PACT MEETINGS

ILLYTYD PACT will be held in the CCTV police van outside Cwm Talwg Community Centre on August 4 between 4pm and 6pm.

COURT PACT; HUB, YMCA, Gladstone Road, Barry between 3pm and 5pm on August 19.

YSTRADWEN coffee and chat meeting, The White Lion Public House on August 3 at 11.30am.

ST BRIDES MAJOR PACT; Church Hall on August 4 at 6pm.

COWBRIDGE PACT; The Fire Station, Druids Green on August 9 at 7pm.

PENARTH; there are no PACT meetings during August.

VALE MP Alun Cairns, will be holding surgeries for advice and assistance on Thursday, August 5 at the following locations: 9.30am - 11am at The Hub, YMCA, Court Road, Barry and 2pm - 3.30pm at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Church Street, Llantwit Major and 4pm - 5.30pm at the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Anyone in the Vale is welcome to attend, but surgeries have been very busy since the election and it is advisable to call 01446 733516 to book an appointment.

CHAMPION LINKMEN
WIN TWO GOLD AWARDS

GRAHAM HOLMES, education warden at Kenfig National Nature Reserve, and Jeff Peters from BCBC's economic development unit have been recognised by Mid Glamorgan Education Business Partnership for educational links they have forged through their borough council work.

Mid Glamorgan EBP was established 21 years ago to develop links between schools and employers to raise pupil achievement and develop skills and qualities required by today's employers.

This year, for the first time, six gold awards were presented to special people in recognition of their commitment to business education links - with Graham and Jeff taking two of them!

Mid Glamorgan EBP acting chief executive, Andrea Meyrick said: "Graham is a champion at encouraging pupils to love nature like himself. He has also supported all EBP activities including mock interviews and enterprise activities. He works with both the secondary and primary sectors."

"Jeff has been a pioneer within Bridgend County Borough Council. At every meeting he badgers his fellow colleagues to get involved in EBP activities.



ABOVE:

The award for fostering educational links. He will always say yes to supporting events if he can."

Coun John Spanswick, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "I'm extremely proud that Graham and Jeff's work has been recognised in this way."

GATE PLEA BY THE
RESIDENTS OF
NEATH ROAD LANE

RESIDENTS of Neath Road in Maesteg are calling for a gate to be installed at a lane used as a short cut by off-road motor cycles.

Residents have contacted Maesteg Town Council about problems being caused by cyclists using this lane between numbers 34 and 35 Neath Road which links it to Court Street.

This path is used by pedestrians as an access to Maesteg Sports Centre, Tesco and the rugby club.

but residents claim their safety is being put at risk because of motor cycles travelling at high speed. They use it as a short cut to access Salisbury Road and Maesteg Park and to cross Neath Road on a blind bend.

Police have promised to increase patrols in the area but residents have suggested fitting a gate which motor cyclists would have to stop to open, thus reducing the safety risk.

The matter is to be looked into by Maesteg Town Council.

Village mourns
death of Aileen

IT is with regret that we announce the death of Aileen Hodgson, reports GEM community correspondent, Pat Bevan Morgan.

Aileen of Lon-y-Eglwys, St Brides Major, passed away peacefully, after an illness bravely borne.

She had lived in the village since 1964 and will be sadly missed by all her friends.

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WELSH SCHOOLS ATHLETICS ROUND-UP (BRECON)

YOUNG LOCAL ATHLETES STAR IN TRACK AND FIELD AT PAIR OF MAJOR EVENTS

LOCAL young athletes have been in action in the maroon and gold vest of Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools district at two Welsh Schools' competitions – the 17th combined events and the 63rd national track and field championships – in eight days.

Vale schools provided the lion's share of the district team of 38, with team managers Mr Rhys Beynon (Bro Morgannwg) and Miss Daniella Woolf (Llanwit) booking in 22 local pupils at the combined events championships, held at Newport's Spypt stadium for the first time since 1996.

Last year, Vale pupils claimed both senior titles at this event with Curtis Mathews (Barry Comprehensive) winning the boys' section and Savannah Taylor (Bro Morgannwg) surprising everyone, including herself, by heading the girls. Sadly, there was no second year repeat.

With Curtis opting not to take part, it was left to Sam Morgan (Cowbridge) to fly the flag for the Vale in a disappointingly small boys' field, while Savannah found things tough in a competition of a much higher standard than at Swansea in 2009.

Cowbridge year-8 Annabel Curle finished

The top individual performance by a Vale pupil was set by another Bro Morgannwg pupil, Elinor Lewis. The year 13 underlined her all-round talent by finishing third with a points score of 2,431, to claim the bronze medal – but there was even better to follow.

In the team competition, Penarth resident Lewis joined forces with Aimee Hendrickson (Bishop of Llandaff) to see off the challenge from Dyfed, claiming the team gold medals and retaining the team plate.

Surprisingly, there was a second gold team medal in the junior boys' event. Dyfed's David Moregic was a comfortable winner, totalling 2,633 points. Lewis Ronicle (Cardiff High) was the highest placed Cardiff & the Vale pupil, finishing third with 2,206 points, while the much improved Matthew Collins (Barry Comprehensive) was fifth with 2,191 points.

Team competitions are based on two to score. With Dyfed not fielding a second competitor, the 4,397 points total was good enough for Ronicle and Collins to take team gold.

This event is a joint event with Welsh Athletics, which enables some competitors to compete for their district team in the Welsh Schools' competition and for their club in the Welsh Athletics section.

Cowbridge year-8 Annabel Curle finished

Report by PETER MORRIS
Pictures by IAN DIXON

just outside the medals in fourth place in the schools' competition, with a points score more than 400 better than at the Cardiff & the Vale Schools event in early May, but her score of 2,330 was good enough to place her third in the Welsh Athletics under-15 championships.

At Swansea last summer, Matthew Roan (St Cyres) astonished everyone by taking second place in the Welsh Schools' junior boys' event. Sadly, there was not to be a repeat this year. Having competed in the 100 metres hurdles and high jump, the year-10 was forced to withdraw with an injury, which also forced him to withdraw from the Aviva Welsh Schools' National track and field championships on the following weekend.

At those nationals, held at Brecon because Leckwith had been booked for the British Masters' championships, Vale pupils were rewarded with a medal haul of five gold (three individual + two relay), twelve silver (eleven individual + one relay) and six bronze (five individual + one relay).

The top performer in the Vale contingent of 29 athletes was Tom Williams. Competing in the junior boys' section, the Stanwell year-9 pupil was a class apart in winning the 100 metres comfortably.

At the same time, he was also taking part in the long jump. Having opened with 5.94 metres, he was able to opt not to take any further jumps as that distance proved enough to win the event – and he rounded off the afternoon by running in the relay team, helping that quartet to retain the title won at Leckwith in 2009, when he had also been a member of the team.

Curtis Mathews was the only other Vale pupil to strike individual gold. The Barry Comprehensive sixth former ended his final

Welsh Schools' national with a three-medal haul, winning the discus with a very encouraging 45.44 metres throw, taking silver in the long jump with 6.43 metres and helping a depleted senior boys' relay to third place.

There was one other Vale pupil who gained three-medal haul, but she may not be entirely happy. Penarth's Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) has shown, since she was in year-8, how she thrives on competition.

In year-9 and year-10, she won age group pole vault titles, setting a new championship best on both occasions. As a year-11 pupil in 2008, she had arguably her toughest pole vault competition in the Nationals, clearing another new championship best but having to settle for third place on countback.

Last year, as a first year senior, she went higher than ever in the pole vault to win with a new best of 3.74 metres. She would be the first to note that the vault has not gone wonderfully well this summer, so it was not a surprise that she only finished second equal in the vault – but she made up for that disappointment by claiming a second silver in the 100 metres hurdles, an event so technically demanding that it is always difficult to find pupils to compete, and then she rounded off her afternoon with a leg for the winning relay team.

Seven other Vale athletes gained silver medals – Sam Bunkham (Cowbridge) in the senior triple jump, Arran Reid (Barry Comprehensive) in the relay, Matteo Holmes (Stanwell) claimed double silver in the hammer and javelin while Matthew Collins (Barry Comprehensive) reduced his best by four seconds with a spirited run in the junior 800. Bethan Daw (St Cyres) in the middle 1,500 metres, senior Ayla Phillips (Barry College) in the hammer and shot, and Nancie Edwards (Cowbridge) in the 1,000 metres walk.

Three year-12 boys finished in bronze medal placing in their senior competitions – James Wiltshire (St Cyres, 400), Darren Jones (Llanwit, 2,000 steeplechase) and Bradley Coles (Barry College, javelin) – while Cowbridge year-8 pupils Annabel Curle (high jump) and Joe Gaughan (shot) also finished third.

All of the pupils, who represented Cardiff & the Vale Schools at one or both of these Welsh Schools' competitions, are due to receive district colours at the track and

field presentation evening, which is scheduled to be held at Cardiff High School on Tuesday, September 7, at 7 pm.

As the Vale schools do not re-open until September 6, there is a possibility that the evening may be postponed to Tuesday, September 14, if Cardiff High is available.

Results of Vale pupils at the Welsh Schools' Combined Events championships, Newport:

Senior boys – (JT, LJ, 100, SP, 1,000) – 4 Sam Morgan Cardiff & the Vale 1661 (28.57, 4.85 1.5, 12.91 – 1.6, 6.87, 3:52.28).

Teams: 2 Cardiff & the Vale 3,891.

Middle Boys – (100H, HJ, LJ, SP, 800) – Mathew Roan (St Cyres) (17.4 – 2.1, 1.68 dnf).

Junior boys – championship – (80H, SP, HJ, LJ, 800) – 5 Mathew Collins (Barry Comp 2191 (13.76 – 1.0, 8.52, 1.44, 4.92 – 0.9, 12.16); 6 Tom Williams (Stanwell) 2,000 (13.41 – 1.0, 7.28, 1.53, 5.37 – 1.3, 2:36.54); 8 Jacob Briscoe (Bro Morgannwg) 1,993 (14.62 – 1.8, 9.37, 1.50, 5.04 – 0.8, 2:30.40); 9

George Griffiths (Cowbridge) 1,978 (14.50 – 2.1, 8.78, 1.53, 5.68 – 0.3, 2:44.06); 10 Scott Laken (Cowbridge) 1,944 (13.21 – 1.8, 7.92, 1.38, 4.99 – 0.1, 2:30.35); 11 Harri Williams (Bro Morgannwg) 1,919 (13.69 – 1.8, 8.35, 1.47, 4.30 – 0.4, 2:25.71); 14 Chris Procter (B of Llandaff) 1,700 (14.69 – 2.1, 5.10, 1.53, 4.79 – 0.7, 2:31.37).

Teams: 1 Cardiff & the Vale 4,397.

Senior girls – (HJ, LJ, 100, SP, 800) – 3 Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) 2,431 (1.44, 4.38 0.2, 13.94 – 2.9, 7.76, 2:48.34); 6 Savannah Taylor (Bro Morgannwg) 1,903 (1.38, 4.15 0.7, 14.17 – 2.9, 6.85, 3:25.28).

Teams: 1 Cardiff & the Vale 4,830.

Middle girls – (HJ, LJ, 80H, SP, 800) – 8 Ellie Carter (Brynhafren) 2,036 (1.35, 4.11 1.2, 14.10 – 2.8, 6.15, 2:55.87); 11 Sarah Herbert (Brynhafren) 1,893 (1.20, 4.07 – 0.8, 14.67 – 2.0, 7.82, 3:00.17); 12 Emma Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro Morgannwg) 1,781 (1.44, 3.94 – 2.3, 14.30 – 2.8, 5.79, 3:30.33); 13 Brenna Organ (Brynhafren) 1,646 (1.29, 3.74 0.6, 15.90 – 2.0, 6.25, 3:06.87); 14 Chloe Phillips (Llanwit Major) 1,646 (1.23, 3.19 – 1.6, 14.27 – 2.0, 6.10, 3:02.13); 16 Maisie Mathews (Bro Morgannwg) 1,528 (1.38, 3.68 0.3, 15.95 – 2.8, 4.53, 3:17.25).

Teams: 3 Cardiff & the Vale 3,929; 4 Cardiff & the Vale B 3,427; 5 Cardiff & the Vale C

Years 10 and 11: 3,000: Ht 2: 3 Ellie Carter Bryn 7 Callam Barrie Barry Hafren 44.42; Fin: 7 Ellie Carter Bryn Hafren 4x100: 2 Cardiff & V 10:15.67; Carter Bryn Hafren 4x100: 2 Cardiff & V 45.18; 1,500: 2 Bethan Barry College 11:47; 5: 5 Gus Daw St Cyres 5:03.99; McPherson Cowbridge 3,000: 5 Caitlin Bryant Cardiff & V 10.67.



Top three individuals in the senior girls championships – Sophie Thomas (Dyfed, 2nd), Megan Rogers (North East Wales, 1st) and Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg, 3rd) received their Combined Events medals. Elinor went on to claim three medals at the Nationals in Brecon.

3,269.

Junior girls – (LJ, 75H, SP, HJ, 800) – 4 Annabel Curle (Cowbridge) 2,330 (4.22, 13.5 – 1.7, 6.44, 1.47, 2:40.88); 12 Caitlin Allin (Cowbridge) 1,903 (3.96, 14.9 – 2.1, 8.71, 1.32, 3:04.53); 17 Rachel Cosier (Brynhafren) 1,735 (3.75, 14.7 – 2.5, 6.57, 1.20, 2:52.21); 20 Catrin Cosier (Brynhafren) 1,625 (4.04, 16.3 1.1, 6.79, 1.29, 3:09.68); 21 Carys Knapman (Brynhafren) 1,572 (3.90, 14.8 – 2.1, 5.38, 1.14, 2:57.97).

Teams: 3 Cardiff & the Vale 4,233; 8 Cardiff & the Vale B 3,451; 9 Cardiff & the Vale C 3,294.

Results of Vale pupils at the Aviva Welsh Schools' National track and field championships, Brecon:

Senior boys – under-20 – Years 12 to 14: 100: Ht 1 (ws 1.6) 4 Jamie Sexton Barry College 11:47; 200: Ht 1 (ws 1.9) 3 Jamie Sexton Barry College 22:99; Ht 2 4 James Wiltshire St Cyres 23:18; Fin (ws 1.8) 4 Jamie Sexton Barry College 22:90; DNF James Wiltshire St Cyres 400: 3 James Wiltshire St Cyres 53.96; 1,500: 4 Joseph

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– Years 8 and 9: 100 (ws 3:4: 1) 1 Tom Williams Stanwell 11:33; 800: 2 Morganwg 20.10.

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Sixth former Sam Morgan (Cowbridge) was the only Vale boy to compete in the senior section.

Year-8 Annabel Curle (Cowbridge) claimed an individual bronze medal in the Welsh Athletics under-15 Combined Events and went on to finish second in the junior girls' high jump at the Welsh Schools Nationals.



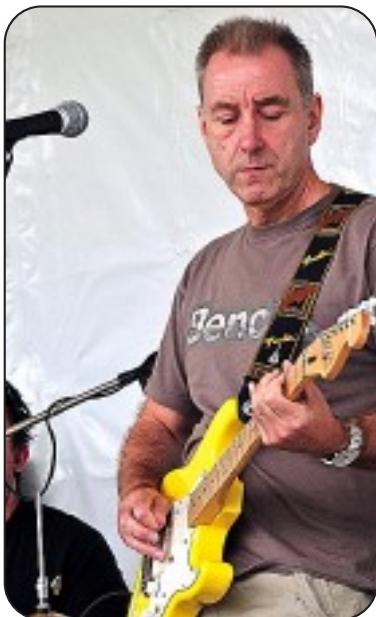
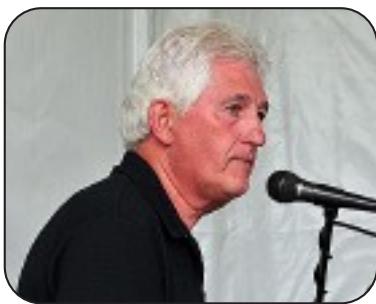
Disappointment for defending senior girls' champion Savannah Taylor (Bro Morgannwg) in the Combined Events.

'CADSTOCK' FESTIVAL WOWS CROWDS (YOUNG AND OLD) ON PARK FUN DAY!

A family fun day was enjoyed by a large number of people at Victoria Park, Barry on Saturday.

'Cadstock' was an opportunity for local families to have a day out, enjoy a picnic, let the children play on the bouncy castles and slides, and listen to live music.

Photographs by
IAN DIXON



Barry athletes compete in Isle of Man 'Olympics'

EARLIER this month, four athletes and two coaches set off from Barry and Llanelli on the long trip to the Isle of Man.

There Susan George, Lucy George, James Savory (all from Barry) and Stephen Beynon from Llanelli competed as the Special Olympics GB team for Bocce against teams from the Isle of Man, Austria, Ireland, Malta and Gibraltar, in the Special Olympics Isle of Man National Summer Games.

Susan George competed in the highest division and the other three athletes in division two.

The following morning, they had to be at the venue by 9am to compete in the bocce singles, which was a nail biting event.

On the Saturday, they competed in the doubles and team events. The singles had played at a high standard but the doubles and team events were thrilling to watch, and



Back row: Lucy George, James Savory, Susan George.

Front row: Stephen Beynon.

all played outstandingly. Beynon and James Savory - gold; Single results: Susan George and Lucy George - and Stephen Beynon - gold; Lucy George - silver; James Savory - bronze.

In the team event, the gold medal was awarded to Team GB.

Doubles results: Stephen

END OF TERM NEWS FROM YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG

PRAISE FROM ASSESSORS ON KEEPING UP STANDARDS...



AS a school, we at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg are delighted that we have maintained our basic skills quality standard for the third consecutive time.

A team of assessors who visited last week deemed the school to have "a strong commitment by the staff to implement different strategies to support the pupils". Congratulations to all the pupils and staff who gathered comprehensive evidence to support our bid.

British boxing champion

Year-10 pupil Jamie Viscount (far right) was crowned British Boys champion in the under 48kg category. In the final, he beat English champion James Foster, to claim the British crown.

A vision for Barry's future

Year-13 pupils have completed highly intricate design projects for their final A-Level design and technology portfolio.

Ben Bertera and Kyle Koops both chose to design a building to be built on Barry Waterfront. Their work was highly commended by visiting moderators.

It is certainly interesting to note how the youth of today view potential developments within their town.

Year-7 visit Cosmeston

A thoroughly enjoyable day was spent at Cosmeston Medieval Village in June.

Pupils were given a guided tour of the village in the morning and found the nearby archaeological dig to be fascinating. After lunch, they enjoyed a problem solving activity around the park.

An excellent day, giving the pupils an insight into local history. Many thanks to the history department for organising the visit.

Performing with National Youth Theatre of Wales

Congratulations to year-13 pupil Annes Lewis from Penarth. She has been chosen to rehearse and tour with the National Youth Theatre of Wales.

We wish her every success and look forward to attending the performance at the Sherman Theatre Cardiff in September.

Year-8 girls triumph

Our annual participation at the Urdd's annual athletic competition proved once again to be a successful meeting with year-8 girls winning their competition.

Year-10 boys were runners-up and year-8 boys and year-10 girls were also successful in placing third.

End of term activities

It has been an extremely busy end of term, with all the pupils enjoying a huge variety of activities.

Before having work experience, year-12 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a languages day as part of their Welsh Bac studies, and also staged a 'mock election' where they all wrote manifestos for their own political party and presented their ideas to the whole of the school population.

On the final Monday of term, a fleet of buses left for various destinations within Cardiff and the Vale, as all the pupils undertook a health and fitness day enjoying wide ranging sports such as white water rafting in Cardiff Bay, climbing in Boulders, orienteering, swimming, surfing and ice skating.

The emphasis was on keeping fit through alternative exercise methods. It was a uniquely successful day.

Outstanding contribution prize goes to Victoria

Congratulations to year-13 pupil Victoria-Ann Clarke for winning the Margaret Harris outstanding contribution prize this year.

Victoria, who studied history, IT and the Welsh Bac in year-13, gained the award in recognition of the hours she has spent voluntarily acting as a classroom assistant in the history department.

We wish her well with her forthcoming studies at the University of Glamorgan.



Tim's soccer star double

ON AND OFF THE TURF with BRIAN LEE

A BERTHIN'S

Tim Vaughan, who has been

dubbed the 'Martin

Pipe of Wales' after

the legendary

Somerset trainer

who worked mira-

cles with moderate

horses, gave soccer

star Michael Owen

plenty to smile

about when win-

ning the first two

races at Uttoxeter

for him last week.

The 32-1 double was initiated when four-year-old Paddy Partridge won the novices' hurdle, and winning jockey Richard Johnson was also in the saddle when five-year-old Holoko Heights comfortably took the selling hurdle 45 minutes or so later.

Welsh trainer Peter Bowen also landed a double with Ripalong Lad and Daninix and the latter was ridden by Rhys Flint, who hails from Kenfig Hill.

The following day, at Epsom's evening meeting, Vaughan proved he is just as capable at training horses to win on the flat when his *Orpenindeed* won the Brothers Pear Cider Maiden Stakes over seven furlongs. The seven-year-old was winning for Vaughan for the second time in 17 days.

Vaughan suffered a little setback at far flung Cartmel on Thursday, however, when his strongly fancied *Our Guardian Angel* was

beaten into second place by *OursInLaw*, trained by Evan Williams at Llancafan.

Meanwhile, on a different kind of turf, a must for all Welsh golfers is *Dragons And Fairways - Great Golfers Of Wales* by Richard Clifford and published by Gomer priced £14.99.

Published in the run-up to the Ryder Cup as it comes to Wales for the first time, this colourful book is a celebration of Wales's finest golfers.

Wales may be a relatively small nation but just as it has produced a number of famed jockeys and trainers, it has also produced a host of talented golfing characters. The author has covered Welsh sport for 20 years and as a freelance golf correspondent, he has reported for all the major broadsheets and tabloids.

Dai Rees, Brian Huggett, Ian Woosnam, Becky Morgan, Tegwen Matthews, Dave Thomas, Craig Defoy and Bridgend-born Rhys Davies are just some of the golfers featured in this splendid book.

Davies was just 11 when he joined Brynhill and then Royal Porthcawl, where his talent was soon spotted by the club's head professional Peter Evans and John Collins, the Glamorgan County junior organiser.

*You can email views and news to Brian Lee at leebrian@btinternet.com or phone him on 029 2073 6438.

Armed forces golf day at Cottrell Park

SERVICEMEN and women, past and present, recently took part in a golf competition at Cottrell Park Golf Club.

It was part of the celebrations leading up to National Armed Forces Day held in Cardiff Bay...

Nearly 90 competitors from all three services battled it out for the prestigious awards and bragging rights.

The sponsored 'Royal British Legion' Individual Trophy, was won by Paul Baker, a retired RAF Warrant Officer.

Bill Tobin of RAFA was a close runner-up, and Martyn Griffiths of the Welsh Guards Association took third place.

The longest drive on the Mackintosh course was by Simon Davies and nearest the pin was John Rogers of the

Royal British Legion Branch, Ferryside, with a shot worthy of a professional, as the ball bounced and bobbed it's way down the fairway, ending up just inches from the hole.

The team event, in memory of Richard Hunt, was played on the Button Course.

The English Choppers, a team from the Bristol Fire Services, took first place. Second place went to the ex Royal Welsh Fusiliers team and third place went to the team from 160 (W) Brigade.

The longest drive on the Button Course was by Samantha Low of the Welsh Transport Regiment, and nearest the pin was Neil Summers, former RWF.

Dave Morris, the main organiser, thanked Cottrell Park Golf Club and The Royal British Legion for their joint sponsoring of the event.



STAGS FIRST TEAM ARE SKITTLED BY WELSH ASIANS

THIS eagerly anticipated match between Barry Athletic 1st XI and Welsh Asians was one where both sets of bowlers took centre stage.

Barry captain, Nathan Baker, won the toss and chose to field first.

The innings began in wicket-taking fashion as openers, Peter Hellyar and Jake Griffett, piled the pressure on the visiting batsmen and with the ball swinging both ways, it wasn't long before Griffett trapped batsmen, Sohail Rauf and Naheem Khan, lbw for low scores.

The Stags were in complete control as wickets kept falling from the in-form Stags. Griffett returned to an inspired figures of 2-13 from seven overs – including three maidens.

The pressure was soon evident as John Gee, and in-form bowler Billy Usswold, wasted no time in dismissing the Welsh Asians for just 175 in 45 overs.

After the interval, the Stags were completely blown away by the bowling attack. Opening bowlers, Ahmad Khan and Pervaiz Naizir, tore into the Stag top order

the second innings

batsmen, including Nathan Baker (0), Scott Malpas (14), Andrew Buckland (5) and Steve Jones (2) were all back in the pavilion with the Stags struggling at 38-4.

Only Ian Gadd provided some resistance with 33. The Stags were bowled out for just 117 and claimed five points.

Second XI

Damon Leake took his Barry Athletic Second XI side to Rogerstone, where they took on Rogerstone Welfare CC.

Leake won the toss and chose to bowl first.

Thankfully, an inspired bowling change from Leake brought the first wicket in the form of Neil Holmes. A 'corker' of a delivery took the edge and was immediately snapped up by Peter Davies.

However, the next breakthrough didn't come until the 32nd over, when Martin Baker took two quick wickets to bring the first point of the day and to bring the Stags into life, as they looked set to restrict Rogerstone to a 'get-table' score.

Rogerstone provided a spirited finish to close on 229-8 from their 50 overs.

After the tea session, the second innings

exploded into life from the first over as opening batsman Ashley Baker smashed the ball into the stands for a fine six. The start got the Stag Army going. Baker was clean-bowled after trying to hit one too many.

This brought in club legend, Glyn Williams, who stabilised the innings with Leake, and kept the Stags going at the required rate.

At 80-1 from 23 overs, the Stags were looking as if they could knock off the total, but had a major setback, after Leake was given out, caught behind, for 39.

The Stags were soon three wickets down as Jonathan Phillips was caught on just three, as the Stags went from 80-1 to 88-3.

The combined experience of Jones and Williams led to a crucial partnership of 64 runs and the Stags were within 60 runs of winning, with 12 overs remaining.

However, both batsmen departed to spinners and were replaced by former captains, Martin Baker and Peter Davies. They brought the Stags to within 20 runs of victory.

However, the match was swung back in the balance as Davies was cruelly run out for 27.

Baker soon followed him back to the pavilion, after slicing the ball in the air and was caught for 23. The Stags fell three runs short, on 226-9 from their 50 overs.

After claiming nine points, it wasn't all that bad for Leake and his team, but with matches against the bottom teams coming up in the next three weeks, the Stags will look to finish strongly as the season draws towards the final month.

The Third XI lost to Pentwyn CC. Pentwyn (209-9), Stags (144 all out).

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ROMILLY BOWLS REPORT

Romilly 'A' fall to Fairwater

ROMILLY, who were lying in third place in CML division five, took on Fairwater in Romilly Park.

Not having played for two weeks, Romilly struggled from the start with Fairwater playing bowls that belied their lowly position to take the match with a 71-79 shot victory, securing 10 points to Romilly's four.

The rink skipped by B Geogh with D Bannister, J Coles and K Westgate started slow and were 1-9 down after seven ends.

They made a great recovery, taking 15 shots and losing only four to take a lead of 16-13 by the 15th end.

They continued to up their game and though losing three of the next six ends ended up with a 20-16 shot victory and two well-earned points.

The rink skipped by R Wyatt with K Clements, C Davies and P Denley, started off winning two of the first three ends, but then after dropping a five on the fourth end, struggled to find the pace of the green and were 4-

CADOXTON BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Good victory in Munro Cup

CADOXTON played Belle Vue in the Munro Cup and, after a slow start when they were trailing 1-5, the rink skipped by Graham Brown had taken the lead by the 10th end with a two-shot advantage.

From then on, they took command, finishing strongly with two fours and a three.

The rink skipped by Ivor Robertson had a terrible start and were trailing 1-13 after just five ends. However, the visitors did not score again until a five on the 11th gave Cadoxton a one-shot advantage. The lead was relinquished on the next two ends, but a good finish ensured success for the home side.

Another bad start saw Howard Craven's rink go 0-8 down after three ends, but seven winning ends obtained a 12-8 advantage. A two and three increased the opposition's score to 13, but that's where they stayed until the end, while 10 were scored against.

Finally, Alan Carpenter scored four during the first two ends, but did not score again for six ends. Eventually a four on the 12th end retrieved a one-shot lead which they managed to retain at the finish.

T Bishop, L Davies, L Cundiff, A Carpenter 14-13; J Maidment, H Hellyar, J Stewart, H Craven 22-13; P Ellis, D Evans, A Brown, G Brown 28-9; R Knight, J Sinden, G Davies, I Robertson 22-18.

Total: 86-53

Cadoxton v Barged - ML3

Another disappointing result for Cadoxton, when they travelled to 'lowly placed' Barged. A promising start had all rinks up after five ends, but a bad finish had 21 shots against, while scoring six over the final three ends.

Howard Craven's rink was matched against a triple and immediately took charge with a 9-2 advantage after five ends. However a three and two fours changed the game and the opposition began to use the extra bowl to their advantage.

The score were reasonably close with six ends left, three were won by either side but five shots to Cadoxton were overcome with 10 for the opposition during this period.

The game on Graham Brown's rink went in their favour with four winning ends from five, but a six against on the eighth, following two singles, took away their advantage.

A four on the next partly recovered the deficit. The next eight ends resulted in seven shots to both sides, leaving a one-shot advantage to the home side.

This was increased with a five on the next to open up a gap, which was not recovered.

The rink skipped by Kelvin Chedzoy took a 5-1 lead before a run of five ends conceded nine shots. By the 17th end, the deficit had reached seven shots, which was reduced over the next three ends to just three.

On the final end, while holding two, Kelvin attempted to draw the winner but was unlucky to touch the jack a few inches to an opposing bowl.

Don Kuhnell's rink were in front for most of the game, but with a seven-shot lead conceded a four and three on the last ends to gain the only point.

T Bishop, W Vaughan, G Jones, K Chedzoy 13-17; P Ellis, H Hellyar, L Cundiff, D Kuhnell 18-18; A Brown, D Evans, A Hatcher, G Brown 18-25; G Davies, L Davies, A Carpenter, H Craven 19-21.

Total: 68-81

MURCH LOSE OUT ON VERY LAST END

MURCH bowlers travelled to Rumney Gardens for an ML Division Three game against Rumney Bowling Club.

The game remained close until the last wood on the last end, with Rumney holding on and winning by two shots and 12 points.

Skip Bob Hill, R Pemberton, M Hughes, and H Guppy were in a close game from start to finish and never managed to get in front. At the halfway stage, Murch pulled back to within two with the score at 12-10.

By the 17th end, Rumney were still ahead by two shots at 18-16, but produced a strong finish to win 23-18.

Skip Colin Garland, J Manfield, D Davies, and R Grant started off slowly and were seven shots down on the third end. By the 10th end, Rumney were leading 16-5.

Murch then produced some excellent bowling, with Rumney only managing to score two shots over the last 11 ends. Murch surged forward, be it with low scoring, and cut the deficit to three shots (Rumney winning 19-16).

The captain's rink, skip R Maundier, C Parsons, D Blainey and D Poole, was the only winning rink.

They had a close game from the start and were all square at 5-5 on the fifth end. By the 11th end, they were 13-6 down going into the tea break.

On their return, Murch responded with some brilliant bowling, allowing the opponents to score only three shots on the last 10 ends, winning by 24-16.

Skip Gus Santavy, R Golding, G Lane and C Salvidge, struggled at the start finding themselves six shots down on the fourth end.

By the ninth end, they pulled themselves back to within two shots, with the score at 8-6.

Then disaster struck by dropping a seven on the 10th end and going into the tea break 15-8 down. On their return, they responded well and won the next five ends, and by the 18th end the score was 18-18.

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With all the other rinks finished and the overall score even, skip Gus Santavy and his team were under pressure. They were holding on with only shot in the head on the 20th end, but Rumney drew in and knocked it out and took four shots.

It was down to the final end and Murch did win it by two, giving Rumney a win of 22-20.

Aggregate score: Murch 78, Rumney 80.

Murch A team welcomed Rumney Bowling Club A team for an ML Division Six game, and only managed a win on one rink, losing by four shots overall.

Skip Bernard Toozer, F Maunder, R Monteiro, and M Wheadon had a close game from the start and were 7-7 on the ninth end. Rumney edged ahead over the next eight ends, bringing the score to 18-11 on the 18th end.

Murch responded by scoring four shots on the final three ends, but left it too late, with Rumney winning by two shots 18-15.

Skip Mervyn Williams, G Russell, A Perry, and R Fudge drew the short straw against a strong Rumney rink and struggled.

They fought back well, winning the last five ends and reduced the deficit but it was a win for Rumney 21-9.

Captain's rink skip Ian Robinson, L Norton, M Warman, and P Willis went off on a flying start and remained in front until the 14th end. Their opponents fought back and by the 18th end, the scores were all square at 16-16.

Rumney took two shots on the 20th end, leaving Murch with three shots to get on the final end. However, they only managed to pick up one shot and lost the game by 18-17.

Skip Alan Savage, T Mayor, W Broomfield, and G Vincent were the only winning rink and led from start to finish and never looked in trouble, recording a win of 25-13.

Aggregate score: Murch 66, Rumney 70.

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It's tough against Beddau

MURCH bowlers welcomed Beddau Bowling Club for an ML Division Three Game.

With Beddau second in the league and Murch in the bottom three, both clubs were looking for points. However, Beddau proved too strong for the Murch and won by 13 shots.

Skip Gus Santavy, I Williams, G Lane, and C Salvidge drew the short straw and the game remained close up until the 12th end, with the score at 12-9. However Beddau went on to win 30-11.

Skip Colin Garland, J Manfield, M Williams and R Grant were also up against a strong rink, trailed from the start and found themselves 18-5 down on the 11th end. Murch fought back well and won eight of the last 10 ends, with Beddau winning 21-17.

Skip Bob Hill, R Pemberton, M Hughes and H Guppy were in a close

game from the start and never managed to get in front until the 16th end, when they took four shots and put themselves in front for the first time.

Beddau fought back and won the next three ends with some low scoring. Murch held on and went into the final end one shot up at 14-13.

They were holding shot with the Beddau skip holding the last wood and he came in with a wild shot, moving the jack and winning the game by two shots, 16-14.

On the captain's rink, skip Roger Maundier, C Parsons, D Blainey and D Poole were the hotshots of the day and the only winners. They were off to a flying start, leading from start to finish, never looked in trouble and recorded a win of 25-14.

Aggregate score: Murch 68, Beddau 81.

RP

Barry Athletic's impressive double over City slickers

BARRY Athletic's PG2 squad continued their push for a top of the table spot with a thrilling 75-72 win at Sophia Gardens last Saturday.

The Athletic recorded an impressive double over their City opponents but were made to battle to the very last wood for their valuable 10 points.

The Island club continued their drive for PG2 promotion thanks to the performances of two rinks – skipped by Ivor Stevenson and Billy Wright.

Ivor's rink, strengthened by the inclusion of consistent bowlers Don Evans at lead and Bill Summerell at No 3, coasted to a 24 shots to 13 win to boost the overall total.

Skip Billy was involved in the closest of contests. His rink was locked 18-18 with just two ends to play but

outstanding bowling from Billy and his No 3 Jack Beanland earned them four shots on the final ends for a 22-18 success. Eric Booker at lead and George Green at No 2 also contributed to skip Wright's crucial win.

Colin Spillane's rink led 18-12 after 15 ends but an indifferent finale brought them a one-shot defeat.

Skip Gareth Humphreys top rinked in their previous PG2 fixture but failed to reproduce their best form and trailed in 10-21.

Nevertheless, 10 points keeps the Athletic team in a healthy position in the table.

On Saturday, the Athletic's first team are away to Cardiff Athletic in a PG1 clash while the 'A' side entertain Cardiff Athletic in another crucial PG2 encounter.

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LLANDOW CIRCUIT TRACK DAY RAISES £2,500 FOR CHARITIES

A TRACK day at Llandow circuit on July 21 raised £2,500, and this was shared equally between the local Ed Evans Foundation and Combat Stress. Gift Aid will add at least another £500.

A total of 24 cars of all ages, including three modified Morris Minors, two AC Cobra replicas and a Triumph 2.5 PI saloon took to the circuit in groups of eight.

There were several local drivers, and all newcomers were provided with tuition in track discipline and car handling, to ensure safe and speedy pleasure.

Stephen Hamer, from Ystrad Mynach had already driven his Fiat Cinquecento at race circuits, but found this day particularly enjoyable.

"There was no overcrowding and everyone drove with consideration for others. It was a great day and we raised plenty of money for two good causes. I'll be back for more," he said.

The Ed Evans Foundation has raised more than £100,000 for local and national cancer charities; Combat Stress supports ex-Service men and women suffering from post traumatic



stress disorder and has an increasing workload.

Christopher Darwin organised the day: "This was our fourth event at Llandow, who look after us very well.

"The drivers are having fun and we are doing something useful. I plan another day at Llandow next year. Those interested should contact me now on 01288 381265 or c.darwin@virgin.net"



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Lanagan century is key for Wanderers

SATURDAY saw the top of the table clash in Division Three when league pacersets Blaengarw journeyed south to Hayes Point to play second-place Barry Wanderers.

After suffering defeat earlier in the season, the Wanderers were after revenge knowing that victory would see them return to the summit of the division.

As usual, Wanderers skipper Jamie Keir lost the toss but was delighted when asked to bat first on a track that traditionally gets more difficult to bat on as the game progresses.

The opening pair of Lanagan and Sheriff weathered the early storm from the Blaengarw bowlers, scoring runs at a steady rate, with Lanagan taking on the role of the aggressor.

They rode their luck somewhat, with a number of catches going down in the slip cordon, but they made Blaengarw pay by putting on 100 for the first wicket off 20 overs.

However, when Sheriff departed for 29 the Wanderers collapsed, with Tom Ridgwell (2) and Aled Hughes (0) departing.

Lanagan and Blundell rallied and Lanagan brought up his fourth century of the season with a beautiful hit over mid-on, a shot typical of his fantastic innings. However, he didn't add many more because a mix-up with Blundell saw him run-out for 105.

The middle-order failed to kick into gear and Wanderers batsmen were being dismissed at an alarming rate, with Blaengarw skipper Huntley the chief tormentor, picking up 3-41 off his 10 overs.

After being in such a strong position, the Wanderers were in danger of not even claiming maximum batting points. Fortunately, Will Parton (17*) had other ideas and he played some

beautiful strokes to ensure that his side posted a competitive 219-8 off their 45 overs.

A controlled start from his bowlers was what Keir wanted and that's what he got. Will Parton and John Williams took the new ball and together they gave the Blaengarw batsmen little opportunity to score.

The frustration was building, and once Hardwicke was bowled by Williams for not many, his top-order colleagues soon followed. Parton picked up three wickets with an economy rate of less than three an over and Williams ended with 1-16 from his 10. All of it meant that after 20 overs, Blaengarw were going at around two an over with six wickets remaining.

A match-winning push looked unlikely but that's what happened. Blaengarw rallied and some sloppy ground fielding and dropped catches from the Wanderers meant that they opened the door. Fortunately, after an initial recovery, the required run-rate kept rising and Blaengarw were forced to take risks.

This meant wickets tumbled with Hassett and Aled Hughes making the initial breakthroughs before Blundell (4-41) mopped up the lower order with his nagging 'line and length.' Blaengarw were eventually all-out for 184.

All of this meant that despite it being closer and tamer than was probably required, the Wanderers emerged victorious by 35 runs and exorcised the ghosts of the reverse fixture two months earlier. They now lead the league as they approach the business end of the season.

The SofaSofa BWCC man of the match was Gareth Lanagan.

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WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

Mr Steve Wright – **Lyndongrove, Llanblethian** – retrospective application for retention of foaling block.

ESA Tree Care Ltd – **Holy Cross Church, Church Street, Cowbridge** – crown lift the three yew trees off the church.

Mr Herbert – **19 Heath Avenue, Penarth** – erection of conservatory.

Bonvilston Reading Room Management Committee – **Bonvilston Reading Room, A48, Bonvilston** – change of use of land adjacent and to the south of bonvilston Reading room into an open play area. Creation of secure storage on existing reading room site. Removal of grassed area to north of reading room to extend existing car park.

Mr Nigel Phillips – **Hayes Road, Sully** – employment development (outline).

Mr Ian Southwell – **Dinas Powys Cricket Club, the Southra, Dinas Powys** – construction of a double bay cricket net (3m (w) x 9m (d) x 2.5m (h) each).

Mr Rhys Llewellyn – **Ty Mawr Cottage, Llangan** – retrospective roof alterations and proposed boundary wall.

Mr Robert Mason – **The Coach House, Cowbridge**, **St Nicholas** – removal of existing stone wall and hedgerow. Construction of new stone wall 2.2m high fronting Cowbridge Road.

Mr Anthony Richards – **Tudor Lodge, Bonvilston** – proposed amendment to stable block as approved 2008/01361/FUL drawing No 439/01A and removal of condition 7 in respect of access.

Mrs Rebecca Lloyd James – **Old Place, Castle Street, Llantwit Major** – use of land as a garden.

The Governors and Trustees – **land adjacent to Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School, Pendoylan** – new agricultural access track (to replace the existing track) on agricultural land adjacent to Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School.

Mr Jim Merlini – **2 Cae Rex, Llanblethian** – proposed extensions to provide living room, bedroom and garage.

VJ Thomas and Son – **Pancross Farm**,

Llancaerfan – amendment to 02/00749/FUL in order to move cow yard 6m in order to improve ventilation and cow welfare.

Mr R Sciooba and Mrs S Morgan – **land adjacent to Ashwood House, Ystradownen** – stable block and tack room.

GR & C Saunders – **Ravenswood Farm**,

Bonvilston – planning application for the erection of a cattle housing and fodder storage building.

Mr Patrick – **27 Earl Road, Penarth** – conservatory/orangery to side of property.

Christopher Brooks-Dowsett – **59 Laburnum Way, Penarth** – double storey extension to rear and porch to front.

Mrs Bowering – **34 South Road, Sully** – conservatory. Mr Ian Lawson – **1b Augusta Road, Penarth** – extension and alterations to front elevation, new dormer to rear elevation, replacement of flat roof to rear, new

openings and windows. Mr Roger Morse – **1 Robert Street, Barry** – build a garage shed to store household equipment.

Mrs Edwina Paige – **Flat 14, Glan Y Mor, Barry** – remove existing window and replace with patio door. Lay decking patio to the side of building.

Mr William Gwyn – **13 Slade Close, Sully** – erection of single storey side extension.

Mrs Linda Chambers – **The Beacons, St Brides Road, Wick** – single storey pitched roof rear extension and conversion of roof space to form habitable room.

Mrs Maria Mackenzie – **25 Llamead Gardens, Rhosos** – conservatory to rear of property.

Mr Ihsan Cecan – **3 Leigh Close, Bovertown** – addition of porch to front of property.

Mr Phil Janes – **Drops Stables, Dros Terrace, St Georges Super Ely** – change of use and retrospective planning permission for a two-pitch traveller caravan site on agricultural land.

Ms J Hurley – **Westcliffe, Barry Road, Dinas Powys** – proposed two storey extensions to sides of property.

Mrs B Pidgeon – **Melrose, Swanbridge Road, Sully** – proposed parking bay/crossover.

Mr Mike O'Donnell – **Rank Hovis Ltd, Atlantic Way, Barry** – provision of a new covered walkway between the two main blocks of the Rank Hovis Flour Mill.

Barclays Bank Plc – **2 Windsor Road, Penarth** – installation of three air conditioning condensers.

Mr Andrew Grabbam – **17** proposed parking bay/crossover.

Cory Crescent, Wyndham Park, Peterston Super Ely – demolition of existing single storey extension, erection of double storey extension to rear and alterations to existing garage.

Mr Christopher Burford – **12 Stalcourt Avenue, Llantwit Major** – single storey extension to lounge, two storey extension to provide additional kitchen extension and bedroom at first floor.

Mr S Wiggins – **14 Cleddwen Close, Barry** – construct new conservatory and new lean-to toilet extension with internal alterations.

Mr Martin Stokes – **155-117 Port Road East, Barry** – change of use to care home – incorporating extension to rear.

Mrs Antonia Bridges – **Flying Start, The Boiler House, Skomer Road, Barry** – minor alterations to car parking to allow for revised DDA parking and access improvements.

Mr David Morgan – **11 Peterswell Road, Barry** – single storey extension to the rear of the existing property to comprise a sitting room and a utility room with WC/shower room. Single detached garage and storm porch to front of existing property.

Mr Martin Stokes – **115-117 Port Road, East, Barry** – new entrance porch.

Mr Barry and Mrs Jacqueline Jenkins – **78 Tynewydd Road, Barry** – single storey extension to rear of property to provide a special needs shower/WC.

Mr Michael Poole – **The Blacksmiths Arms, Llanmaes** – proposed

change of use of redundant blacksmith's building to install micro brewery.

Mr Tim and Sally Lewis – **12 Tair Onen, Welsh St Donats, Cowbridge** – demolition of adjacent garage and construction of proposed two storey extension to side of property with loft conversion to existing dwelling.

Mr Robert Hesp – **6 St Martin's Close, Penarth** – erection of double storey rear extension.

Mr Chris Burridge – former Post Office Sorting Office, Llannaves Road/Station Road, Llantwit Major – development of 17 affordable residential units with associated works.

Mr and Mrs Finch – **St Anne's Cottage, 11 Rhosneigr Road, Rhosneigr** – conservatory to rear elevation.

Mrs Hilary Neagle – **70 Celtic Way, Pontypridd, Rhosneigr** – construction of ground floor kitchen extension and replacement double glazing.

Mr Nick Saal – **Ffennor Goch Bungalow, Llangan** – proposed two storey extension and loft conversion to provide additional accommodation. Internal alterations to existing roof of house and garage (amendments to 2008/00806/FUL).

Mr John Harris – **129 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – single storey kitchen/utility room extension.

Mr Jerald Bushen – **261 Barry Road, Barry** – dormer loft conversion.

Mr Rhys Blake – **2 Orchard Drive, Penarth** – two storey side extension.

Mr Howard Hodgson – **land off Port Road East, Barry (proposed Crematorium)** – variation of Condition 27 of approval 2010/00058/FUL – method statement for protecting Great Crested newts.

Mr Russell Davies – **Keepers Lodge, Brocastle** – double storey extension to side and rear of main property including the demolition of the previous flat roof extension.

Mr Mark Sexton – **Pound Cottage, Duffryn Lane, St Nicholas** – double storey

side extension.

Mr Nick Mattock – **13 The Mount, dinas Powys** – dismantle sweet bay; crown raise purple plus to 4.0 metres and 10 per cent crown thin.

Mrs S Grant – **22 Archer Road, Penarth** – carry out 8-metre crown reduction back to previous points; shorten laterals and re-balance.

Mr Price – **Highgate, Church Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – fell two Cypress trees near access.

J and E Davies – **1 Court Close, Llantwit Major** – reduce height of Rowan and remove overhanging branch.

Mr Murley Williams – **4 Maes-y-Ffynnon, Bonvilston** – double storey side extension above existing ground floor.

Mr Gerald Leekie – **Crawshay House, Hensol Castle Park, Hensol** – amendments to previously approved conversion and extension of Crawshay

Haus to create six flats. Sodexo Limited – **East Camp, MoD, St Athan** – construction of bat house 1 and 3 (as a revision of the layout at granted planning permission under reference 2009/01228/FUL).

Dr Ian Ketchell – **The Lodge, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major** – new two storey extension to rear (north) side of existing house (on site of existing garage and sitting room).

Works to include the demolition of the existing modern flat roof single storey garage and sitting room.

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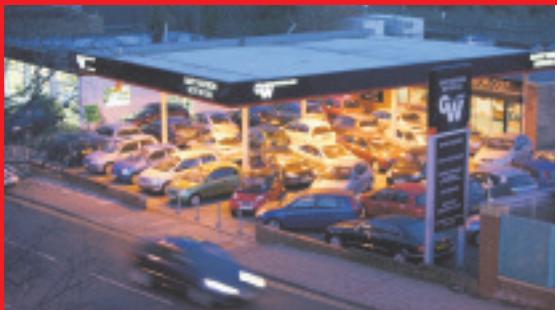
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 06 06 FORD Focus Zetec Climate 1.8 TDCi Diesel 5-dr Hatchback. In black with dark interior, alloy wheels, air con, CD, colour coded bumpers, only 61,199 miles, quick clean screen £6,995
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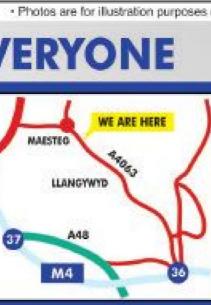
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GEM sport

Dragons miss out on victory, conceding a late equaliser...

IN what fans are hoping will be Barry Town's promotion year back to the Premier League, the Dragons nearly notched up their second friendly away win in a row - this time against the Rhondda Valley's Bulldogs.

Barry Town took the lead after 20 minutes when a rasping 30-yard shot by James Simpson could only be parried away by the Ton keeper and Geraint Frowen was first to smash home from 10 yards. This followed a nervous opening littered with mistakes from both teams.

The Town were again fielding seven trialists hoping to join the club and the management used the match to experi-

TON PENTRE 2
BARRY TOWN 2

ment with different formations to test the players' ability to adapt.

The Bulldogs drew level before half-time when a cross from the right wing to the far left corner of the box was sent back across goal for a Ton player to head home the equaliser.

Barry Town took the lead in the 70th minute following a sustained period of attacking football which had the Bulldogs chasing their own tails.

A shot at goal was cleared only as far as local boy Lewis Cosslett who smacked a venomous left-footed half-volley. The ball flew into the net from the corner of the box through a crowded penalty area - to the

supporters' lotto prize is now £1,050! The numbers last week were 1, 3, 7, 9, 10 and 11.

The club is still looking for men and women who would like to become youth coaches. Anyone interested can call the club on 01446 735858.

BARRY TOWN WINS FIRST PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY

'PROMOTION year' was on everyone's lips as Barry Town embarked on its first friendly of the season.

The Dragons have announced that Damon Searle, former Cardiff City defender, has been appointed the new assistant manager to Gavin Chesterfield.

Damon is registered as a player as well and brings with him a wealth of experience and contacts on and off the field.

There are also rumours rife that Barry Town are set to receive the biggest sponsorship in their history which will allow the club to recruit some of the best players in the Welsh League.

The Town played several trialists in their 3-2 victory over 3rd Division Gwent team Goytre in the Dragons first friendly of the season.

Results mean nothing in these friendlies where match fitness and assessing potential new players are the priorities - though fans always like to see a victory on the board!

In a physically gruelling encounter, Goytre had a number of players yellow-carded and one sent off. Goytre were clearly pumped up and were more aggressive in the first half.

However, Barry Town took the lead in the 40th minute when Ryan Jenkins nipped into the six-yard box to jink the ball over the

GOYTRE 2
BARRY TOWN 3

Goytre keeper, Ryan has rejoined the club having left the Town in their last promotion year.

Goytre began the second half as they started the first and took the lead when their winger cut in and rifled a narrow shot into the net.

Still complaining to the ref, Barry players were caught sleeping when a long ball was simply lobbed into the Barry net a minute later.

Josh Bell came on as

a sub and within a few

minutes had cut in from

the wing and expertly

curled a low shot into

the corner of the Goytre net from 30 yards.

Among the Town's trial players was Leyton Maxwell, former Liverpool and Cardiff City midfielder who briefly played for the Town in the Premier League season 2004. He showed his class with opponents unable to get the ball from him.

From one, Dixon was put through and battered to the ground by a clumsy challenge from behind.

James Simpson calmed

Rhoose due to host bowls international

AS part of their Commonwealth Games preparation, the Welsh Bowls Team (six men and six women) will be playing Scotland on August 7-8 at Rhoose BC.

The reason for choosing Rhoose is that the new artificial green installed by the local authority at a cost of £18,000 for the 2010 season is very similar to those that will be used in Delhi for the Games.

Both teams have world class bowlers, and Robert Weale will represent Wales for the seventh time at the Commonwealth Games, and that is a record. BR

Dinas Powys FC signs up two young City stars

DINAS POWYS FC last week signed two former Cardiff City FC academy products, Michael Hayward and Lloyd Evans, who put pen to paper with the club on Thursday.

Hayward, from Cardiff, signed a two-year apprenticeship and one-year professional contract with Cardiff City FC when he was 16 and went on to play under-17s, under-19s, reserves and first team in the Welsh Premier Cup. He was also called up to Wales under-21 training camps on a number of occasions.

He is a midfield player who possesses a great range of passing ability.

Welsh speaker Evans from Cowbridge, is also a product of the Cardiff City FC Academy and was captain of the under-18s and reserves during



ABOVE:
Lloyd Evans - a former Welsh under-16 player.

his seven years with the club. Lloyd also represented Wales at under-16s making his debut against the Republic of Ireland.

MORLEY WILLIAMS

Sea swimming club is Welsh first

SWIM training in the Vale is about to take on a new dimension with the launch of Wales' first dedicated sea swimming club later this month.

It will be based at Jacksons Bay on Barry Island and is aiming to provide interesting and challenging swimming sessions for lifeguards, triathletes and pool swimmers who want to spice up their training.

You don't have to be a member of any other club to join in. All are welcome. The Bristol Channel has one of the largest tidal ranges in the world and the powerful currents will be experienced up close and personal in some of the more advanced sessions.

Safety will be paramount and training will also include input on tides, currents and surf conditions. Basic rescue techniques and hand signal communication will also be covered.

Rob Salter (Chairman)

Best for Barry sporting action

See pages 20 & 30 for more sports reports from local clubs.

Who are Barry's star athletes of the future? See page 27 for a report on the best prospects.

Summer Sevens win for Sea View RFC

SEAVIEW RFC were invited by Abbey Wood RFC to take part in the BAWA Sevens and a 12-man squad travelled to Bristol.

Having arrived in good spirits, they watched the first match, a close game between the hosts and AirBus RFC, the latter taking the honours.

Sea View then took the field against British Aircraft Construction RFC and set the tone with a crunching tackle by club captain Leon Ford.

This set the Sea View up for an attacking flowing style of play led by Damion Huggins, breaking the defensive line time and again.

Ethan Dicks ran in the first of his five tries of the tournament, and Chris West scored his first of nine.

Sea View won by 4-3, saw the Sea View progress through to the final. During the match against AirBus, Jon Blake created space for Ben Cotter to deliver a

fast ball for the wing to score. This proved to be Sea View's toughest match, losing 3-2.

The View beat the hosts, running in four tries in as many minutes. Strong running by Aaron Bond allowed Jake Williams to take advantage of space to beat two players and run 40 metres to score. In the second half, Leon Ford scored with a lung-bursting 30-metre effort. Sea View won by 9-1.

In the final, Sea View met BAC RFC. The View went two tries down almost right from the kick-off.

Just before half time, they pulled one back after a well-worked try that saw all seven players involved.

After a strong half time talk from coaches Antony Williams and Frank Greig, the View hit back immediately from the restart. Chris West caught the ball, burst through two would-be tacklers, and ran 50 metres to draw the scores level.

The rest of the second

half was a hard-fought affair, with neither side giving an inch. However, the superior fitness levels of the View allowed them to gain the upper hand and get the decisive score.

Another epic Welsh win over the old enemy!

The View returned home to the Café Continental (aka the Dolphin) with their first piece of silverware, to party long into the night.

The club would like to recognise the continued effort of the Sea View players in turning a once 'rookie' outfit into a well-respected and proud member of the Welsh Rugby Union.

Sea View are now looking for players to help strengthen both First XV and Second XV teams, whether you are a fully-seasoned player or total rugby novice. Visit www.seaviewrfc.co.uk or contact the club mobile on 07985348260 for more information.

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Nicole leads Welsh team

WICK cycling star Nicole Cooke will be leading the Welsh cycling team in the Commonwealth Games in Delhi - despite competing shortly before in the World Championships in Australia.

Nicole will be aiming to make it third time lucky in Delhi, having twice featured on the Commonwealth Games rostrum, with gold in Manchester 2002, and bronze four years ago in Melbourne.

Also on the team is Alexandra Greenfield from Barry, who started cycling at the age of eight, when her dad took her down to the Maindy Track in Cardiff.

Since then, she has notched up a number of victories across Europe. She claimed the title of Junior European Points Race Champion in 2007 - an achievement she repeated in 2008 and she also added the team pursuit title to her CV.

In 2009, in a World Cup series event in Manchester, she took bronze in the scratch race. She is a former Bryn Hafren Comprehensive pupil and currently rides for Horizon Fitness Racing Team.

250 seniors tee off at Cottrell Park course

IN yet another successful day of golf was held for senior golfers at Cottrell Park Golf Course, St Nicholas.

More 250 golfers from throughout south Wales and the West of England played in the largest Seniors Open Day tournament in the country.

John Clarke, seniors' captain at Cottrell Park, commented: "We are delighted to entertain so many visitors. Cottrell Park with its two excellent courses is a lovely venue in wonderful condition, encouraging golfers to come from far and wide to enjoy a great day. Our guests are always amazed by the level of hospitality offered at the Halfway Houses on the courses".

Despite such a large field, victory went to local players - David Stephenson, with a score of 45 points, claimed the Winner's Cup on the Mackintosh course and Bill Philpin, with a score of 40 points, was the victor on the challenging Button course.

Prizes were more evenly spread between visitors and local members for nearest the pin, longest drive and the putting competitions.

Get involved in Town's future

BARRY Town supporters committee has appealed for men and women to join the club's set-up to help get Barry Town back into the Premier League and Europe.

To meet the FAW/UEFA licence, the club needs to fill certain positions in the management of the club. The Supporters Club is appealing for dedicated people, young and old, to come on board.

Supporters' chairman, Eric Thomas, says the next few months could be very exciting and for anyone who loves football, becoming part of the success at Barry Town could be very rewarding.

The supporters are looking for people to fill positions in finance, organisation and football. If you are interested, call Eric Thomas on 07812 854274 for an informal chat.